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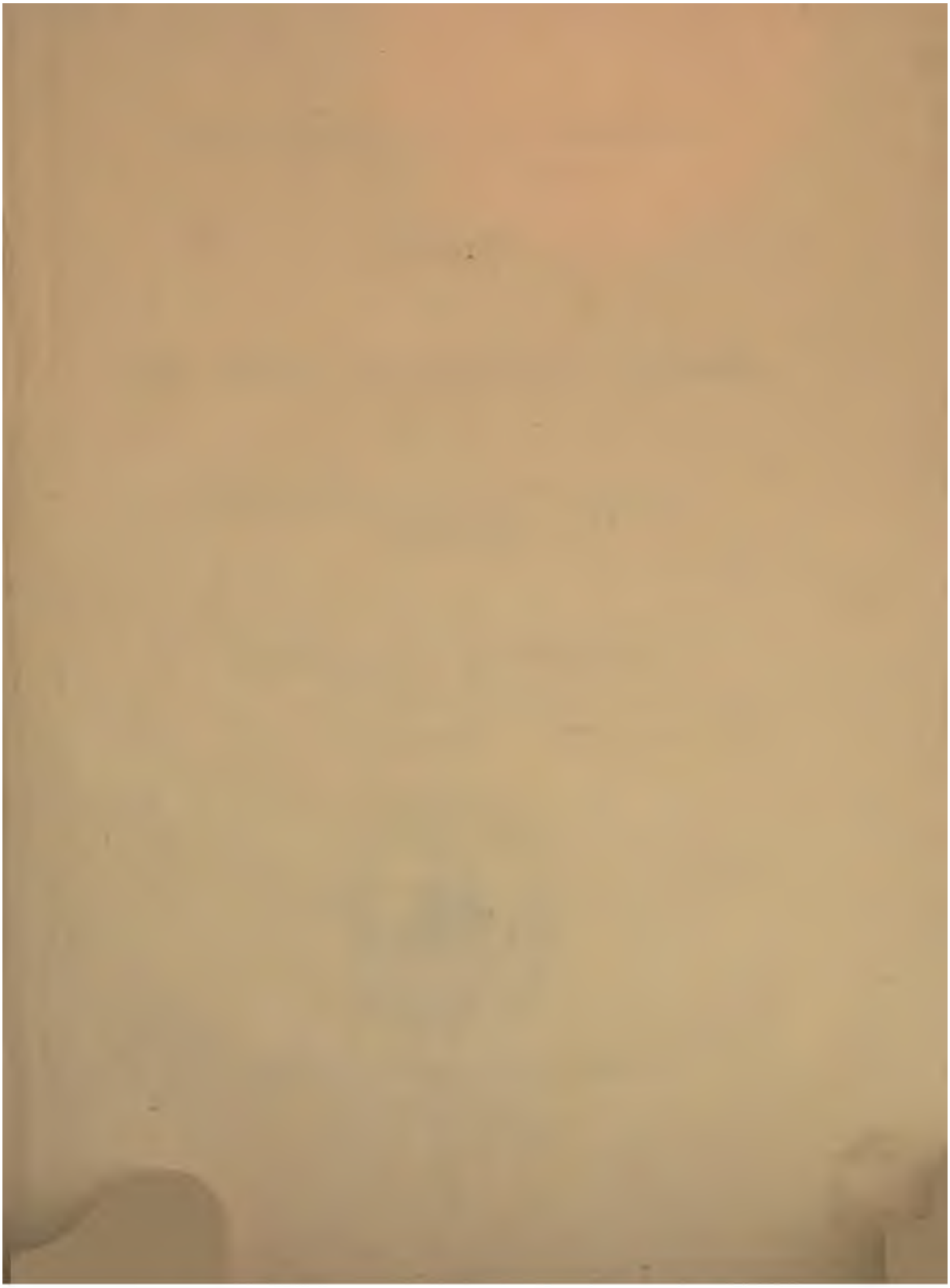

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INTRODUCTION.

"WILLS FROM DOCTORS' COMMONS." Wills from an office, of which it was said, not without reason, in a volume published by the Camden Society in 1853, that it was believed to be the only depository of historical documents, if not the only office of any kind, in the kingdom, in which there was no feeling whatever in favour of literature and historical inquiry; an office from the authorities of which the Council of the Camden Society wholly failed to obtain, on behalf of literature, even the smallest modification of their restrictive regulations; an office in which in recent times there was no one who could read or transcribe many of the documents which were there preserved; whilst absurd restrictions, framed upon the principle of securing a payment at every turn, drove persons who consulted the registers to contrivances the most ludicrous for fixing in their memories a date, an incident, an amount, or a name which happened to occur in a will.

That such a depository should be thrown open to inquirers, and that, in token of the fact, a volume of Wills should be published from it without payment of office fees, are circumstances which mark an æra in our literary history. Of old, admission to inspect the treasures of our record depositories was considered a very remarkable and peculiar privilege. It was never conceded save to men of the highest name in historical or antiquarian literature, and then only under formal instruments granted by Secretaries of State or other even more eminent authorities. This state of things continued with little

alteration[a] into the present century. LORD LANGDALE, when Master of the Rolls, considerably modified and reduced the fees for consultation of the Records; but it was not until 1851, under the Mastership of SIR JOHN ROMILLY, that the great restrictions in the way of literature were broken down, and the Public Records were for ever thrown open to free consultation by historical students. This result, it is but right to say, was in great part brought about by the instrumentality of THE CAMDEN SOCIETY. Although the movement ultimately took the shape of a general memorial of literary persons, and was greatly aided by the Society of Antiquaries and its noble President, it originated in the Camden Society, the documents connected with it were prepared by officers of that Society, and it was altogether carried on and managed by them.

All efforts to extend any portion of these privileges to Doctors' Commons were entirely unsuccessful. Disregard of literature, or fear of it, anxiety to retain extravagant fees, and inability to perceive that under more liberal management those fees would be multiplied almost indefinitely, barred the door against all improvement or alteration. Whether in Will Offices, or wherever else, such a state of things can lead only to one termination. In Doctors' Commons it has run its course. The old jurisdiction has passed away. Its registers remain, but they are in other custody. Its very name has become a thing of the past.

On the institution of the Court of Probate the Camden Society again took the field. Aided as before by the Society of Antiquaries

[a] At the Tower Record Office, under the successive keeperships of Mr. Lysons and Mr. Petrie, there existed a power of remitting fees upon literary searches. Many an inquirer can bear witness how gladly and liberally that power was exercised by Mr. Thomas Duffus Hardy, the present Deputy Keeper of Records.

and by many eminent literary persons, a letter was addressed to SIR CRESSWELL CRESSWELL which set before him the nature of the evils complained of. He at once admitted the principle that documents which had none but literary uses ought to be accessible to literary men. For a short time want of space prevented his putting his views in execution, but no sooner was that obstacle overcome than he at once made the necessary arrangements. A room has been set apart for literary inquirers, permission of consultation, down to the year 1700, is given to all persons searching for purely literary purposes, and the department has been placed under the care of a gentleman whose courtesy to all applicants, and anxiety to assist their researches, stands in curious contrast with the treatment to which literature was exposed in that same building in times now happily past.

From what has been stated it is obvious that English Historical Literature, and our national reputation in respect of our treatment of literary inquirers, are most deeply indebted to SIR JOHN ROMILLY and SIR CRESSWELL CRESSWELL. To them it is owing that we are now enabled to say that, down to a comparatively recent period of inquiry, our country gives totally unrestricted facilities for historical research among the national archives. Literature and literary men will not be ungrateful for such benefits. The honourable fact will be duly recorded, and the results, which are even now becoming apparent, will ultimately be, that our historical literature will take for its basis a far wider research, and a far greater certainty in the establishment of facts, than have ever hitherto been deemed necessary.

Of the importance of Wills as materials for historical and literary research no one can entertain a doubt. It has been already remarked

of them, in the course of the correspondence with Sir Cresswell Cresswell, that they abound in illustrations of manners and customs; that they exhibit in the most authentic manner the state of religion and the condition of the various classes of the people; that they illustrate the history of law and civilization; and are invaluable alike to the general historian, the philologist, the genealogist, the biographer, the topographer—to historical writers of every class. Our best genealogical works (as for example Dugdale's Baronage) are built upon the Wills and Public Records, and could never have been written without them, whilst the several published collections of Wills are esteemed among the most useful of our antiquarian publications; witness, the Royal and Noble Wills, edited by Dr. Ducarel and John Nichols, 1780, 4to.; the Testamenta Vetusta of Sir Harris Nicolas, 1826, 2 vols. royal 8vo.; the Wills from the Registry of Bury St. Edmund's, edited by Mr. Tymms for the Camden Society, 1850, 4to.; the Durham Wills, edited by Dr. Raine and the Rev. H. Greenwell, for the Surtees Society, 2 vols. 1835 and 1860, 8vo.; the York Wills, edited for the same Society also by Dr. Raine and the Rev. James Raine, 2 vols. 1836 and 1855, 8vo.; the Richmondshire Wills, also edited for the same Society by the Rev. James Raine, 1853; and the Lancashire and Cheshire Wills edited by the Rev. G. J. Piccope, for the Chetham Society, 1857, 4to.

The Wills scattered about in various printed books constitute another evidence of the estimation in which such documents are held as historical evidences. An endeavour has lately been made in Notes and Queries to form a complete list of these, but the contributions are as yet too imperfect to be made use of on the present occasion.

The Registers of Wills from which the present volume is derived extend throughout the long period of nearly five hundred years—from the year 1383 to the present time.[a] These Wills are entered chronologically, in the order of proof, in gigantic quarto volumes, weighing each of them, with clasps and rim-plates of brass, little short of half a hundredweight. Of these ponderous volumes there are nearly two thousand, each being distinguished by the name of the first testator, or that of some eminent person, whose will is entered in the volume. An Index of the names of testators exists for every separate year, arranged alphabetically so far as respects the first letter of each testator's name.

The present volume is not put forth with any idea of giving an adequate notion of the almost infinite variety and value of this extraordinary series of documents. Its objects are rather to awaken literary men to a due sense of their importance, to make widely known the nature of the great privilege to which inquirers have become entitled, and to manifest gratitude towards the public authorities through whom that privilege has been obtained.

Nor can we in this Introduction even allude to the contents of the Wills which are now published. They deal with subjects so multifarious that every one of them might be made the theme of a separate essay. It will be sufficient to intimate that four of them are wills of members of the Royal Family,—*Cecily Duchess* of York, mother of Edward IV.; *Mary Princess of Orange*, daughter of Charles I.; *Elizabeth* the well-known *Queen of Bohemia;* and the cavalier hero *Prince Rupert:* three are wills of eminent

[a] This must be borne in mind by those who consult this volume. The Registers contain occasional inaccuracies; therefore, in cases of doubt, the originals, where they exist, should be consulted.

prelates, *Archbishop Warham* and *Cardinal Pole*, the last two Archbishops of Canterbury of the ante-Reformation Church, (the will of the latter a singularly beautiful piece of simple Latinity,) and *Bishop Gardyner of Winchester:* two more may be classed as wills of eminent noblemen, *Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk*, the "cloth of frieze" husband of Queen Mary of France, and *George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham*, the favourite of James I. and Charles I.: five are wills of persons distinguished during the period of our great Civil War,—*John Hampden*, every tittle of information respecting whom is more than valuable; *Speaker Lenthall*, whose real character is even yet *sub judice;* the great sufferer for conscience sake *William Prynne*, *Sir Henry de Vic* the diplomatist, and *William Lilly* the "student of astrology:" poetry claims four of these wills, those of *Davies of Hereford*, *Sir John Denham*, and the *Earls of Rochester* and *Roscommon: Sir Thomas Gresham* the great merchant and builder of the Royal Exchange, *Sir Francis Walsingham* the acute statesman, *Sir Hugh Middelton* the engineer and public benefactor, *Sir Francis Drake* the daring circumnavigator, all represent particular phases of intellectual acuteness and social eminence: the arts claim *Isaac Oliver* and *Sir Peter Lely:* music, *Henry Purcell:* divinity is represented by *Isaac Casaubon*, *Daniel Brevint*, *Isaac Vossius*, and *Richard Baxter:* and the roll is worthily completed by three ladies, each eminent in her way, *Dame Maude Parr* mother of Queen Katharine Parr, *Elizabeth Duchess of Norfolk* mother of the Poet Surrey, and *Frances Duchess of Suffolk* daughter of Charles Brandon, wife of Henry Grey, to whom she conveyed her father's dukedom, and mother of Lady Jane Grey.

The volume is closed by notes of Letters of Administration, communicated by Mr. Clarence Hopper. These comprise particulars

of grants in the cases of Sir Christopher Hatton, Dr. Richard Eedes, Sir William Monson, Francis Quarles, Dr. Isaac Dorislaus, Edward Marquess of Worcester, Sir William Davenant, Queen Henrietta-Maria, Henry Oldenburgh, Andrew Marvell, and John Dryden.

No one at all acquainted with the sources and nature of genealogical and biographical material can doubt that there is scarcely a Will, if indeed there be one, among those we have enumerated, but must be worthy of publication. The difficulty has been in selection, for so vast and so valuable is the mass comprised in the huge quarto volumes to which allusion has been made, that many publications such as this might with ease be selected from their ample stores.

It is right to add that the Camden Society has been indebted to the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Erle for the use of an office copy of the Will of John Hampden, to F. Kyffin Lenthall, esq. for a similar copy of the Will of his ancestor the Speaker, and to Mr. Bruce for that of William Prynne. The Index to the volume has been kindly contributed by that constant friend to the Camden Society and to all literary inquirers, Thomas William King, esq. York Herald.

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WILLS FROM DOCTORS' COMMONS.

CECILY DUCHESS OF YORK, 1495.

In the name of allmyghty God, the blessed Trinite, fader and son and the holigost, trusting in the meanes and mediacions of oure blessed Lady Moder, of oure most blessed Saviour Jh'u Crist, and by the intercession of holy Saint John Baptist, and all the saintes of heven: I, Cecille, wife unto the right noble prince Richard late Duke of Yorke, fader unto the most cristen prince my Lord and son King Edward the iiijth, the first day of Aprill the yere of our Lord M.cccc.lxxxxv. after the computacion of the Church of Englond, of hole mynde and body, loving therfore be it to Jh'u, make and ordeigne my testament in fourme and maner ensuyng. Furst, I bequeath and surrendour my soule in to the merciſull handes of allmyghty God my maker, and in to protecion of the blessed virgin our lady Saint Mary, and suffrage of Saint John Baptist, and of all other saintes of heven. Also my body to be buried beside the body of my moost entierly best beloved Lord and housbond, fader unto my said lorde and son, and in his tumbe within the collegiate church of Fodringhay,[a] if myn executours by the sufferaunce of the King finde goode sufficient therto; and elles at the Kinges pleasure. And I will that after my deceasse all my dettes sufficiently appering and proved be paid, thanking oure Lord at this tyme of making of this my testament to the knolege of my conscience I am not muche in dett; and if it happen, as I trust to God it shalnot, that there be not found sufficient money aswell to pay my dettes as to enture my body, than in advoiding such charges as myght growe for the same, the whiche God defende, I lymytte and assigne all such parcelles of

[a] The body of Richard Duke of York, (slain at the battle of Wakefield Dec. 31, 1460,) having been first buried at Pontefract, was solemnly removed to Fotheringay in July 1466.

plate as belongith to my chapell, pantry, cellour, ewry, and squillery, to the perfourmyng of the same, as apperith in the inventary, except such plate as I have bequeithed. Also I geve and bequeith to the Kinges noble grace all such money as is owing to me of the customes, and two cuppes of gold. Also I geve and bequeith to the Quene a crosse croslette of diamantes, a sawter with claspes of silver and guilte enameled covered with grene clothe of golde, and a pix with the fleshe of Saint Cristofer. Also I bequeith to my lady the Kinges moder[a] a portuos with claspes of gold covered with blacke cloth of golde. Also I geve to my lord Prince a bedde of arres of the Whele of Fortune and testour of the same, a counterpoint of arras, and a tappett of arres with the pope. Also I geve to my lord Henry Duke of Yorke[b] three tappettes of arres, oon of them of the life of Saint John Baptist, another of Mary Maudeleyn, and the thirde of the passion of our Lord and Saint George. And if my body be buried at Fodringhay in the colege there with my most entierly best beloved lord and housbond, than I geve to the said colege a square canapie of crymeson clothe of gold with iiij. staves, twoo auter clothes of crymeson clothe of gold, twoo copes of crymeson clothe of gold, a chesibull and twoo tenucles of crymyson clothe of gold, with iij. abes,[c] twoo auter clothes of crymeson damaske browdered, a chesibull, twoo tenucles, and iij. copes of blewe velwett brodered, with iij. abes, thre masse bokes, thre grayles, and vij. processioners. Also I geve to the colege of Stoke Clare a chesibull and twoo tenucles of playn crymyson cloth of gold with iij. abes, twoo auter clothes, a chesibull, twoo tenucles, and fyve coopes of white damaske browdered, with iij. abes, twoo awter clothes of crymeson velwett upon the velwete (*sic*), a vestement of crymeson playne velvet, iiij. antiphoners, iiij. grayles, and sixe processioners. Also I geve to the house of Sion two of the best coopes of crymyson clothe of gold. Also I geve to my doughter Brigitte[d] the boke of *Legenda Aurea* in velem, a boke of the life of Saint Kateryn of

[a] Margaret Countess of Richmond and Derby. [b] Afterwards Henry VIII. [c] albs.
[d] Bridget, Cecil, Anne, and Katharine were her granddaughters, the daughters of King Edward IV.

Sene, a boke of Saint Matilde. Also I geve to my doughter Cecill a portuous with claspes silver and gilte covered with purple velvet, and a grete portuous without note. Also I geve to my doughter Anne the largest bedde of bawdekyn, withe countrepoint of the same, the barge with bailles, tilde, and ores belonging to the same. Also I geve to my doughter Kateryn a traves of blewe satten. Also I geve to my doughter of Suffolke[a] the chare with the coveryng, all the quoshons, horses, and harneys belonging to the same, and all my palfreys. Also I geve to my son of Suffolke[b] a clothe of estate and iij. quoschons of purpull damaske cloth of gold. Also I geve to my son Humfrey[c] two awter clothes of blewe damaske brawdered and a vestyment of crymeson satten for Jh'us masse. Also I geve to my son William[d] a traves of white sarcenet, twoo beddes of downe, and twoo bolsters to the same. Also I geve to my doughter Anne,[e] priores of Sion, a boke of Bonaventure and Hilton in the same in Englishe, and a boke of the Revelacions of Saint Burgitte. Also I woll that all my plate not bequeithed be sold, and the money thereof be putte to the use of my burying, that is to sey, in discharging of suche costes and expensis as shalbe for carying of my body from the castell of Barkehampstede unto the colege of Fodringhey. And if any of the said plate be lefte unexpended I woll the said colege have it. Also I geve to the colege of saint Antonies in London an antiphoner with the ruelles of musik in the later ynd. Also I geve unto Master Richard Lessy all suche money as is owing unto me by obligations what soever they be, and also all such money as is owing unto me by the Shirfe of Yorkeshire, to helpe to bere his

[a] Her daughter Elizabeth, widow of John de la Pole Duke of Suffolk, who died in 1491; or else the wife of the Duke mentioned in the next note, Margaret, daughter of Richard Lord Scrope.

[b] Her grandson Edmund de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk.

[c] Her grandson Humphrey de la Pole, who was a priest.

[d] There was no William de la Pole. Can William Stourton the husband of her granddaughter Katharine de la Pole be intended? From the order in which the name occurs it seems not improbable.

[e] Anne de la Pole, mentioned by Dugdale as a nun of Syon. The Revelations of St. Bridget was a gift peculiarly suitable to a member of that community.

charges which he has to pay to the Kinges grace, trusting he shall the rather nyghe the said dettes by the help and socour of his said grace. Also I geve to Master William Croxston a chesibull, stoles, and fanons of blake velwett, with an abe. Also I geve to Master Richard Henmershe a chesibill, stoles, and fanons of crymyson damaske, with an abe; and a chesibill, stoles and fanons of crymeson saten, with an abe. Also I geve to Sir John More a frontell of purpull cloth of gold,[a] a legend boke, and a colett boke. Also I give to Sir Randall Brantingham a chesibill, stoles, and fanons of white damaske, orfreys of crymson velvet, with an abe, the better of bothe. Also I geve to Sir William Grave a chesibill, stoles, and fanons of white damaske, orfreys of crymeson velvett, with an abe; a masse-boke that servith for the closett, a prymour with claspes silver and gilt, covered with blewe velvett, and a sawter that servith for the closett covered with white ledder. Also I geve to Sir John Blotte a gospell boke, a pistill covered with ledder, and a case for a corporax of grene playne velvett. Also I geve to Sir Thomas Clerk a chesibill, twoo tenucles, stoles, fanons, of rede bawdeken, with iij. abes. Also I geve to Sir William Tiler twoo coopes of rede bawdekyn. Also I geve to Robert Claver iij. copes of white damaske brawdered, and a gowne of the Duchie[b] facion of playne blake velvett furred with ermyns. Also I geve to John Bury twoo old copes of crymysyn satten cloth of gold, a frontell of white bawdekyn, twoo curteyns of rede sarcenett fringed, twoo curteyns of whit sarcenet fringed, a feder bed, a bolstour to the same, the best of feders, and two whit spervers of lynyn. Also I geve to John Poule twoo auter clothes, a chesibull, twoo tenucles, stoles, and fanons of white bawdekyn, with iij. abes; a short gowne of purple playne velvett furred with ermyns, the better of ij. and a kirtill of damaske with andelettes of silver and gilt furred. Also I geve to John Smyth twoo auter clothes, a chesibill, twoo tenucles, stoles, and fanons of blew bawdekyn, with iij. abes. Also I geve to John Bury twoo copes of crymysyn clothe of gold that servith for Son-

[a] "Cloth of *cloth*" in the register.

[b] Dutch?

days. Also I geve to John Walter a case for corporax of purple playne velvett, twoo cases for corporax of blewe bawdekyn, twoo auter clothes, a chesibill of rede and grene bawdekyn, a canapie of white sarcenett, iij. abes for children, and iiij. pair of parrours of white bawdekyn, twoo pair parrours of crymsyn velvett, twoo pair parrours of rede bawdekyn, a housling towell that servith for my selfe, twoo corteyns of blewe sarcenett fringed, a sudory of crymysyn and white, the egges blak, a crose cloth and a cloth of Saint John Baptist of sarcenett painted, a long lantorn, a dext standing doble, twoo grete stondardes and ij. litill cofers. Also I geve to John Peitwynne twoo vestimentes of white damaske, a white bedde of lynnyn, a federbedde and a bolstour, and a short gowne of purple playne velvet furred with sabilles. Also I geve to Thomas Lentall six auter clothes of white sarcenett, with crosses of crymsyn velvet. Also I geve to John Long iij. peces of bawdekyn of the lengur sorte. Also I geve to Sir [John] Verney knighte and Margarett his wiffe[a] a crosse [of] silver and guilte and berall, and in the same a pece of the holy crosse and other diverse reliques. Also I geve to Dame Jane Pesemershe, widue, myne Inne that is called the George in Grauntham, during terme of her life; and after her decesse I woll that the reversion therof be unto the college of Fodringhay for evermore, to find a prest to pray for my Lord my housbond and me. Also I geve to Nicholas Talbott and Jane his wife a spone of gold with a sharp diamount in the ende, a dymysent of gold with a collumbine and a diamont in the same, a guirdill of blewe tissue harnessed with gold, a guirdill of gold with a bokull and a pendaunt and iiij. barres of gold, a hoke of gold with iij. roses, a pomeamber of gold garnesshed with a diamont, sex rubies and sex perles, and the surnap and towell to the same. Also I geve to Richard Boyvile and Gresild his wife my charrett and the horses with the harnes that belongith therunto, a gowne with a dymy trayn of purpull saten furred with ermyns, a shorte gowne of purple saten furred with jennetes, a kirtill of white damaske with aunde-

[a] Margaret daughter of Sir Robert Whitingham was the wife of Sir John Verney. Her will dated 1509 is printed in the Verney Papers, 1853, p. 39.

lettes silver and gilte, a spone of gold, a dymysynt of gold with a columbyne garnesshed with a diamant, a saphour, an amatist, and viij. perles, a pomeamber of gold enameled, a litell boxe with a cover of gold and a diamant in the toppe. Also I geve to Richard Brocas and Jane his wife a long gown of purpull velvett upon velvet furred with ermyns, a greate Agnus of gold with the Trinite, Saint Erasmus, and the Salutacion of our Lady; an Agnus of gold with our Lady and Saint Barbara; a litell goblett with a cover silver and part guild; a pair of bedes of white amber gauded with vj. grete stones of gold, part aneled, with a pair of bedes of x. stones of gold and v. of corall; a cofor with a rounde lidde bonde with iron, which the said Jane hath in her keping, and all other thinges that she hath in charge of keping. Also I geve to Anne Pinchbeke all other myne Agnus unbequeithed, that is to sey, ten of the Trinite, a litell malmesey pott with a cover silver and parte guilte, a possenett with a cover of silver, a short gowne of playne russett velvett furred with sabilles, a short gowne of playne blewe velvett furred with sabilles, a short gowne of purple playn velvet furred with grey, a tester, a siler, and a countrepoint of bawdekyn, the lesser of ij. Also I geve to Jane Lessy a dymysent of gold with a roos, garnisshed with twoo rubies, a guirdell of purple tissue with a broken bokull, and a broken pendaunt silver and guilte, a guirdill of white riband with twoo claspes of gold with a columbyne, a guirdell of blewe riband with a bokell and a pendaunt of gold, a litell pair of bedes of white amber gaudied with vij. stones of gold, an haliwater stope with a strynkkill silver and gilte, and a laier silver and part guilte. Also I geve to John Metcalfe and Alice his wife all the ringes that I have, except such as hang by my bedes and Agnus, and also except my signet, a litell boxe of golde with a cover of golde, a pair of bedes of lxj. rounde stones of golde gaudied with sex square stones of golde enemeled, with a crosse of golde, twoo other stones, and a scalop shele of geete honging by. Also I geve to Anne Lownde a litell bokull and a litell pendaunt of golde for a guirdill, a litell guirdell of golde and silke with a bokill and a pendaunt of golde, a guirdell of white riband with aggelettes of golde enameled, a hoke

of golde playne, a broken hoke of golde enameled, and a litell rounde bottumed basyn of silver. Also I geve to the house of Assherugge a chesibull and ij. tenucles of crymysyn damaske embrawdered, with thre abes. Also I geve to the house of Saint Margaretes twoo auter clothes with a crucifix and a vestiment of grete velvet. Also I geve to the parish church of Stoundon a coope of blewe bawdekyn, the orffreys embrawdered. Also I geve to the parishe church of Much Barkehampstede a coope of blewe bawdekyn, the orffreys embrawdered. Also I geve to the parish church of Compton by sides Guilford a corporax case of blake cloth of gold and iiij. auter clothes of white sarcenett embrawdered with garters. Also I geve to Alisaunder Cressener my best bedde of downe and a bolster to the same. Also I geve to Sir Henry Haidon knyght a tablett and a cristall garnesshed with ix. stones and xxvij. perles, lacking a stone and iij. perles. Also I geve to Gervase Cressy a long gown of playn blewe velvet furred with sabilles. Also I geve to Edward Delahay twoo gownes of musterdevilers furred with mynckes, and iiij^{li} of money. Also I geve to Thomas Manory a short gowne of crymesyn playn velvet lyned, purfilled with blake velvet, and iiij^{li} in money. Also I geve to John Broune all such stuf as belongith to the kechyn in his keping at my place at Baynardcastell in London, and iiij^{li} in money. Also I geve to William Whitington a short gown of russett cloth furred with matrons and calabour wombes, a kirtill of purpull silke chamblett with awndelettes silver and gilte, all such floures of brawdery werke and the cofer that they be kept in, and xls. in money. Also I geve to all other gentilmen that be daily a waiting in my houshold with Mr. Richard Cressy and Robert Lichingham everich of theime iiij^{li} in money. Also I geve to every yoman that be daily ad waiting in my houshold with John Otley xls. in money. Also I geve to every grome of myne xxvjs. viijd. in money. And to every page of myne xiijs. iiijd. in money. Also I geve to Robert Harison xls. in money and all the gootes. And if ther be no money founde in my cofers to perfourme this my will and bequest, than I will that myne executours, that is to sey the reverend fader in God Master Olyver King bisshop of

Bath, Sir Reignolde Bray knight, Sir Thomas Lovell, councellours to the Kinges grace, Master William Pikinham doctour in degrees dean of the colege of Stoke Clare, Master William Felde master of the colege of Fodringhey, and Master Richard Lessy dean of my chapell, havyng God in reverence and drede, unto whome I geve full power and auctorite to execute this my will and testament, make money of such goodes as I have not geven and bequeithed, and with the same to content my dettes and perfourme this my will and testament. And the foresaid reverend fader in God, Sir Rignold Bray knyght, Sir Thomas Lovell knyght, Master William Pikenham, and Master William Felde, to be rewarded of suche thinges as shalbe delivered unto theme by my commaundement by the hondes of Sir Henry Haidon knyght stieward of my houshold and Master Richard Lessy, humbly beseching the Kinges habundant grace in whome is my singuler trust to name such supervisour as shalbe willing and favorabull diligently to se that this my present testament and will be perfittely executed and perfourmyd, gevyng full power also to my said executours to levey and receyve all my dettes due and owing unto me at the day of my dethe, as well of my receyvours as of all other officers, except such dettes as I have geven and bequeathed unto Master Richard Lessy aforesaid, as is above specified in this present will and testament. And if that Master Richard Lessy cannot recover such money as I have geven to hym of the Shirffes of Yorkeshire and of my obligacions, than I will he be recompensed of the revenues of my landes to the sume of v c. marcs at the leest. IN WITTENESSE HEROF I have setto my signet and signemanuell at my castell of Berkehamstede the last day of May the yere of our Lord abovesaid, being present Master Richard Lessy, Sir William Grant my confessour, Richard Brocas clerc of my kechyn, and Gervays Cressy.

Proved at "Lamehithe" the 27th day of August, A.D. 1495, and commission granted to Master Richard Lessy the executor in the said will mentioned to administer, &c. &c.

DAME MAUDE PARR, 1529.

Dame Maude Parr was the daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Green [a] of Boughton and Green's Norton, co. Northampton, by Jane daughter of Sir John Fogge, of Repton in Kent. She was thirteen years of age at her father's death in 1506, and was married in 1508 to Sir Thomas Parr of Kendal, co. Westmerland, who died on the 12th Nov, 1518, and was buried in the Blackfriars church, London. A brief abstract of his Will will be found in Nicolas's Testamenta Vetusta, p. 548. His widow was not remarried, but died on the 1st Sept. 1532, being then only thirty-nine years of age, and was buried with her husband at the Blackfriars.

In the name of God, Amen. Be yt known to all men, that I Dame Maude Parr, widowe, late wife of Sir Thomas Parr knight disceased, being in parfytt helth of body, the xx. day of May, in the twenty and one yere of the reign of King Henry the Eight, and in the yere of our Lord God a thousaund fyve hundrythe xxix, ordeigne and make by thys my present wrytyng my testament and last wyll in maner and fourme folowing: First, I bequethe my soule to allmighty God, and my body to be buryed in the Blacke Fryers churche of London, where my husbond lyethe, if I dye wythin London, or within twenty myles of London; and if I dye not within xx. miles of London then my body to be buryed where myn executours shall thinke most convenyent. Item, I will there be bestowed at and aboute my burying where so ever yt shalbe oon hundrythe markes, and not under nor above, except myn executours thinke yt convenyent more to be bestowid. Item, I bequethe to every of the foure orders of Fryers in London fourty shillinges; and if I be buryed at the Blacke Fryers in London then the Blacke Fryers to have thre poundes six shillinges eight pence, or elles but xl s. Item, to every of the Fryers of Northampton, in the countie of North-

[a] See pedigree of Green in Baker's Hist. of Northamptonshire, i. 32.

ampton, xx s. And wheras I have endetted my self in divers great summes for the preferment of my sonne and heire Willyam Parr,[a] as well to our soverainge Lord the Kinge for the mariage of my said sonne, as to my Lorde of Essex for the mariage of my lady Boucher, daughter and heire apparaunt of the said erle, as by Indentures made betwene the same erle and the Lady Mary his wife and me more at large it apperythe, and for the shure payment of the same erle I and divers other of my frendes stond bounden joyntly and severally by sundry obligacions of the statute and of the staple; and also I and other stonde bounden to divers personnes to the use of our soveraign Lord the King for suche somes of monay as I owe to the Kinges highnes for the mariage of my said sonne; and also I am endebtid to Sir Thomas Borow knight for the marriage of my doughter Katherine;[b] and for so muche as my mynde and will ys that my said debtes shuld be truly contented and paid, and all suche personnes that stonde bounden for me or at my desire to the said Erle of Essex, or to the wardeigns of the phelishipp of Mercers of London or to other parsonnes to th'use of our soveraigne Lord the King for my debtes due to our said soveraigne Lord the King for the maryage of my said sonne, shuld clerely be acquited, discharged, and saved harmeles; and, for the more suerty of the same, I will that my executours shal before all other thinges se my said debtes contented and payed, and the statutes, obligacions, and bondes made for the same clerly dischargid, and my said suertees saved harmeles, whiche I charge my said sonne uppon my blyssyng to see suerly doon; and

[a] Afterwards Lord Parr of Kendal 1538, Earl of Essex 1543, Marquess of Northampton 1546-7, K.G. and Lord Great Chamberlain; died 1570. His marriage with the lady Anne Bourchier, daughter and heiress of Henry Earl of Essex and Ewe, mentioned in the present document, afterwards took place, but proved unfortunate, for her issue were bastardized by act of parliament 1543, and finally the marriage was annulled by act of parliament 1551. She died Jan. 26, 1570-1.

[b] Katharine Parr, who became in 1543 the sixth and last wife of King Henry the Eighth, was first married to Edward Borough, son and heir apparent of Thomas Lord Borough of Gainsborough.

I wyll that my executours shalhave all my goodes, cattell, leases, and fermes toward the payment of my debtes, and for the perfourmance of this my will; and after my debtes paid and my said suerties discharged, I will that all the residue of my goodes and cattall and the proffyttes of all my leases and farmes, my debtis contentid and payd, and my said suerties discharged, be ordered and dispoased in maner and fourme as herafter folowythe; and, in caas the mariage betwene my sonne Willyam Parr and the said Lady Boucher take not effect, or be dissolvid by death, disagrement, wardeship, or otherwise, or if any cause of repayment fortune to be made by the said erle or his executours, by reason of any covenaunt, graunt, or agrement conteined within the Indentures made betwene my said lord and me, then I will that all suche sommes of monay as shalbe repaied be bestowid in maner and fourme as herafter folowith; and in case there happyn any cause of repayment by the said erle or his executours, and the same erle, his heirs or executours make defaute of payment of any somes that ought to be paid by the covenaunts conteignid within the said Indentures made betwene the said erle and me, for lacke of which repayment I, my heires or executours, shalbe intetelid to have suche landes and tenementes as be appointed for me to have or to take the proffites of, according to the said Indentures made betwene the said erle and me: I will that then my executours shall take the proffytes of the said manours, landes, and tenementes unto this my will of the same be lawfully contented and paid in maner and fourme as herafter folowythe. Also, I will and bequeth to Anne my doughter,* over and besides my husbondes bequestes, and after my said debtes paid, plate to the value of fower hundryth markes, to be delivered to hir when she comyth to th'age of twenty yeres if she be not maryed afore, and if she be maryed

* Anne Parr became the first wife of Sir William Herbert, created Earl of Pembroke in 1551. She appears in history as Lady Herbert during the queendom of her sister Katharine. She died at Baynard's Castle in London on the 28th Feb. 1551-2, and was buried in St. Paul's cathedral. See her funeral in Machyn's Diary, p. 15, and the engraving of her monument in Dugdale's History of St. Paul's.

afore then the same to be delivered to hir at the day of her mariage; and if my said doughter Anne dye before she be maryed, or before she come to th'age of xx. yeres not maryed, that then her parte by this my will to her bequethid, after my said debtes be paid, shall remayne to her suster Katherine Borowe. Item, I will that if my said two doughters dye before my said doughter Anne be maryed, and before the said plate be delivered to them as ys aforesaid, lyvyng my said sonne Willyam, that then my said sonne Willyam, after my said debtes paid and suerties discharged, have all my plate and juelles appointed by my will to my said doughter Anne, he paying for the same twoo hundrithe markes, which monay I will shalbe bestowyd in finding of scolers, marying of maydyns, and in especiall my poore kenneswymen, and in other deades of charitie; and if my said sonne Wyllyam die without issue of hys body, and my said ij. doughters dye before they be maryed, and before the plate be to them delivered as ys above sayd, I will that thenne my brother Sir Wyllyam Parr knight[a] shall, after my said debtes paid and my suerties discharged, have as moche plate of myn as shall amount to the some of one hundryth poundes, to pray for my husbandes his brother soule and myne, and for his labour for being myn executour; and the residue and remnaunt of my goodes, yf my said sonne and daughters dye as ys aforesaid, not bequethed in this my will, and after my debtes paid and suerties discharged, be given for the welthe off my husbandes soule and myn; and my husbondes poore kynne and myn to have parte therof, as to Alice Cruse and Elisabeth Odell especyally, every of them to have at the lest one hundrythe li., and to other my poore kynne as shalbe thought best by th'advise of myn executours; and then the house of Denny[b] to have one hundryth markes therof, and then the religious of the Fryers Observauntes in England oon hundrithe poundes, and to other poore houses of religion as shalbe thought by

[a] Sir William Parr, of Horton, co. Northampton, lord chamberlain to his niece Queen Katharine, and summoned to parliament Dec. 23, 1543. He died Sept. 10, 1546.

[b] Denny in Cambridgeshire, of nuns of the order of St. Clare.

myn executours best; and if that chaunce happen that all my said childerne dye, then my cousyn Sir William FitzWilliam knight[a] to have oon hundrithe poundes and Edward Mountague[b] to have oon hundrithe poundes. Item, I will that all my peerle stones, tablettes, and broches, braselettes, beades, and ringes, egally shalbe ordered and disposed by myn executours, in such forme as shall appere by a cedule herunto annexed. Item, I will that myn executours shall finde my said doughter Anne meate, drinke, clothes, and all other thinges to her necessary, tyll such tyme as she be maryed, except she be heire to my said sonne, and to be ordered as she may be vertuously brought up, and this to be suerly doon by myn executours. Item, I bequethe to my cossin Alice Cruse fortye poundes. Item, I bequethe to my cossin Elisabeth Odell other fourty poundes sterling, and the said sommes of fourty poundes to be delivered to them within one yere next after my death. Item, I will that my doughter Katherine Borowe have, after my debtes paid, my bedde of purple satteyne panyd with cloth of golde, and in like manner to my doughter Anne my bedde of grene tynsell and white satteyne embrothered with blue

[a] Sir William FitzWilliam, the first of Milton in Northamptonshire (by purchase) and direct ancestor of the present Earl FitzWilliam, was a grandson of the marriage of Sir John FitzWilliam of Sprotborough, co. York, with Eleanor, daughter of Sir Henry Green, of Drayton, co. Northampton; which Sir Henry was a younger brother of Sir Thomas Green of Green's Norton; and thus Sir William FitzWilliam was a remote cousin of the testator. See the pedigree of FitzWilliam in Hunter's South Yorkshire, vol. ii. p. 93, and that of Green of Drayton in Bridges's History of Northamptonshire, vol. ii. p. 251; but as there are only five generations on Sir William's side, and seven are given on that of Dame Maude Parr, there is some reason to suspect that Mr. Baker, in his pedigree of Green (Hist. of Northamptonshire, i. 32), has made too many generations in the six successive Sir Thomas Greens of Boughton and Norton, of whom the first is stated to have died in 1391 and the last in 1506. (He is mentioned again twice in p. 15.)

[b] There can be little doubt that this is an early notice of the future chief justice, the founder of the great house of Montague, which has subsequently attained so many high dignities of the peerage. He was the second son of Thomas Montague of Hemington in Northamptonshire, who died in 1517; and he was not yet a serjeant-at-law when this will was written, though he had officiated as autumn reader at the Middle Temple in 1524: see Foss's Lives of the Judges, vol. v. p. 309.

velvit; and to every of my said doughters competent stuff for yche of them for a bedde; and to eyche of them a payer of fine camericke sheetes. Item I bequethe to my said doughter Katherine Borow my beades of lignum alweys dressed with goulde, which the said Quene's grace gave me. Item I will that all my cattell be letton and ordered by myne executours, so that yt may be to the most proffitt and advauntage of the perfourmance of this my wyll, and payment of my debtes; all which cattall and the proffytes of the same, and all my farmes and leases for yeres that I have or hereafter shall have, I will myne executours have untyll suche tyme as this my will be perfourmed and to the perfourmance of the same. Item, I will that Edward Mountague have after my deathe yerely six poundes thirtene shillinges foure pence yerely to be had and takyn out of the proffytes of my said cattall, and oute of suche londes and tenementes as I have in farme or lease. And I will that my executours during the tyme they have the occupation or ordering of my said farmes and catalles, or of any of them, truly content and pay yerely the same vj li. xiij s. iiij d. to the said Edward Mountague during his life. Item, I will that Mawde Appowell have yerely after my death during her lyfe three poundes vj s. viij d. to be had and takyn out of the proffyttes of my said cattell and landes and tenementes as I have in ferme or lease. Item, I will that my cossyn Thomas Pykering,[a] steward of my house, after my death, yerely have fyve markes sterling during his lyfe, to be hadd and takyn out of the proffyttes of my said cattell, and out of the landes and tenementes as I have in lease or ferme. Item, I wyll that Loye Braye, my servaunt, after my death, during his lyfe have yerely fourty shillinges; and to Henry Avynson iiij. markes for terme of his life; and to Clemens Pay, widowe, xx s. for terme of hir life, to be takyn out of the proffyttes of the said cattall, londes, and fermes. Item, I

[a] How Thomas Pickering was the testator's cousin does not readily appear. The Pickerings of Tichmersh in Northamptonshire, afterwards Baronets of Nova Scotia, were descended from a younger son of an ancient Westmerland family; but the name of Thomas (at this period) does not occur in the account given of them in Bridges's History of Northamptonshire, vol. ii. p. 383.

will that after this my will perfourmed, and my debtes paid and my suertyes discharged, my said sonne Wyllyam Parr, when he shall come to his full age of twenty and one yeres, have all my stocke of cattell, and all my fermes and leases that I have or hereafter shall have that then shall remayne, uppon this condicion: that he uppon deliveraunce therof made to hym by myn executours or having of my said cattell and fermes, shall by his deade sufficyent in the lawe graunte to the said Edward Mountague one annuytie or yearlye rente of six poundes thirten shillinges four pence, and the said Mawde Appowell one other annuytie of three poundes vj s. viij d., and to the said Thomas Pykering fyve markes, and to the said Loye Bray annuytie of fourty shillinges, and to the said Henry iiij. markes, and to the said Clemens Paye xx s. out of the parte of his londes and tenementes: to have and to perceyve to the said Edward Mountague, Mawde, Thomas, Loy, Henry, and Clemens, as ys aforesaid severally to them for terme of their lyves; and, after the said grauntes so made to the said Edward Mountague, Mawde, Thomas, Loy, Henry, and Clemens, by my said sonne, that myn executours from thensforthe be discharged of the payment of the said sommes to the said Edward Mountague, Mawde, Thomas, Loy, Henry, and Clemens, as ys aforesaid, as I have before wylled; and untyll the said grauntes be made by my sonne, I will that my executours shall yerely pay to the said Edward, Maude, Thomas, Loy, Henry, and Clemens, the said sommes to them before willed and bequethed. Item, I wyll that all my grauntes and leases, by me or by my husbond made to any personne or personnes, shall stond good and laufull according to the grauntes therof made. Item, I bequethe to Edward Mountague my best gylte cupp except twoo. Item, I will and charge my said sonne Wyllyam Parr and all my said doughters, and every of them, that they breke not nor interrupte not this my will nor their father's will, nor no graunte, leases, nor bequestes made by their father or by me to any of their father's servauntes or myn; and that he, my said sonne Wyllyam, and his said susters suffre myn executours peasably to perfourme the same. And also

that my said sonne Wyllyam suffer myn executours to have all suche catalles, stuff, and debtes, and all other goodes and catalles whiche his father by his last will willed me, or that I ought to have by the death of his father, or that I now have in my possession, without lett or interruption; and also to suffer myn executours peasably to have all suche goodes and catalles which ys appoyntid and assigned me by perticion made betwene the executours of my husband and me as yt apperyth by indentures therof made; and, in caas my said sonne breke this my will, or the will of his father, or interrupt or lett my executours in the perfourmance of thys my will, or vexe or trouble my executours for any goodes, debtes, or cattalles that was his said father's, then I will that all bequestes and legacyes to him by me in this my said will and testament bequethed, wylled, and declarid, be utterly to him voyde and of none effecte, and that yt to be dispoased and orderyd otherwise as the residue of myn executours (my said sonne excepted) shall thinke most convenient. And the residue of all my goodes and cattell not bequethed I will, after this my will be perfourmid and my debtes and legacyes payde, that my said sonne William have them, doing and perfourmyng thys my will as ys aforesaid. Also I renounce and forsake all other will and willes and testamentes by me afore this tyme made by me, and affirme this to be my last will and testament, and I will that myn executours shall do nothing concerning this my will but by their hole assentes, or by the assentes of suche of them as shall take uppon them to be myn executours, as long as they shall lyve, so that there be no variaunce nor devision amongest them, and that the true meanyng of this my will may be perfourmed. Item, I bequethe to the said Thomas Pykering twenty poundes in money or some other thinge to the value therof. Item, I will that if any of my plate or stuff of householde be solde, that my sonne William have the preferment in the bying therof, gyving and paying therefore as yt shalbe then worthe. Also I will that all my debtis and legacyes be truly contentid, deliverid, and paid. Also, I will that my hus-

bandes will be perfourmed asmuche as belongythe to my parte to perfourme. The residue of all my goodes, chattells, leases for yeares, and farmes that I now have or herafter shall have, my debtes and legacies paid and delivered and this my will perfourmyd, I gyve and bequethe to my said sonne Wyllyam uppon condicion before rehersed to be perfourmed of the parte off my said sonne. Item, I will that my sonne Wyllyam paye or cause to be paid to my said doughter Anne twoo hundrithe markes toward hir mariage, according to his father's will. Also I will that all suche mony that I have in keping toward the mariage of my daughter Anne, whiche my husbond willed to hir, and all suche plate and other bequestes as I have willed to my said daughter Anne by this my will, be putt into an indifferent place in suer keping in cofers locked with divers lockes, wherof every one of my executours and my said doughter Anne to have every of theym a key, and there yt to remayne tyll yt ought to be delyvered unto hur. Also I will and charge my said sonne that he shall not call myn executours to none accompt nor rekonyng, nor sue nor vexe them for any receyte or proffittes takyn by me at any tyme in my lyfe. And if my said sonne or thexecutours of his father do sewe or vex my said executours, or any of them, for any receytes or proffyttes by me takyn in my life, or interrupt or breke any parte of this my wyll, I will that all bequestys in this my will to my said sonne bequethed, and all auctorities to hym gyven in this my will, be uterly voyde and of none effect; for my veray mynd and intent ys that those goodes, cattalles, and farmes that I have, or herafter shall have, goo and be to the perfourmance of this my wyll and according to the trew meanyng of the same, and none otherwyse to be dispoased, altered, ne chaunged. Also I will that myn apparrell be made in vestimentes and other ornamentes of the churche, and to be govyn to Malteby, Kegworthe, and Nonyngton. Also I will that all personnes that now be seased or that herafter shall be seased of all and singulier the premisses, shall from hensforthe stonde and be therof seased to thuse and perfourmance of this my last will and testament. And I ordeyne, constitute, and make executours of this

my last will and testament, my good Lorde Cutberd Tunstall bisshop of London, my welbeloved sonne Wyllyam Parr, and my good brother Sir Wyllyam Parr knight, Edward Mountague, James Laybourn, and Thomas Pykering, and they to have their reasonable costes; and to my said Lord of London I bequethe one ring with a table rubye, and to Sir Wyllyam Parr my ringe with an emererd and also a chayne of goulde to the value of xxli. or elles twenty poundes some other way, as shalbe thought best by myne executours; and to James Laybourne vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. And to Edward Mountague a salte of silver. In wittnes wherof, I the said Dame Maude Parr have to both partes of thys my present last will and testament subscribed my name and putto my seale the daye and yere abovesaid.

MAUDE PARR.

I will and bequethe to my doughter Katherine these parcelles folowyng, that ys to say, xij^{xx} perles of ij s. a peace. Item, xv^{xx} and vj perles of iiij d. a peace, a crosse of diamontes with one perle hanging therat. Item, an eme of diamontes with thre perles therat. Item, xviij. diamontes sett with fryers knottes. Item, a floure with a bales and a perle therat. Item, a ring with a great pointid dyamont sett with blake aniell. Item, a ring with a table diamont sett with blacke aniell. Item, a ring withe a table diamont sett with blacke aniell, meate for my litle finger. Item, a payer of braselettes, chayne fashion, with ij. jacentes in them. Item, a small flatte chayn, the oon linke enameled with blacke and the other without. Item, another small flatt chayne without enamell. Item, a pair of beades of lignum alewaiet. Item, a payer of beades of corall with white crosses. Item, a tablet with pictours of the Kinge and the Queane. Item, a payer of greate beades of mother of perle. Item, a litle ring with a poyntid diamount sett with black enamel. Item, a tablet wyth reliquis. (Memorandum, that my doughter Katheryne hath certeyne parcelles of this hir bequest in her hande, as apperythe by a byll endented betwyxt hir and me.) Item, I will and bequethe to my doughter Anne these parcelles folowing, that ys to say, ix^{xx} and x. perles of ij s. a peace. Item, xiij^{xx} peerles at iiij d. the peace.

Item, a Katherine wheale of dyamountes with iiij. perlys sett in yt. Item, a mullett of dyamountes set in maregolde, and one perle at yt. Item, a floure with an emorode and a ruby and oon perle hangyng therat. Item, twoo ringes with ij. table dyamountes, oon sett in white enamell and the otheir in golde. Item, a dyamount sett in stare with one perle at yt. Item, a short flatte chayne with blacke enamell. Item, another small chayne with blacke enamell. Item, a tablett with a picture graven of Saint Gregory. Item, a payer of beades of golde. Item, a payre of beades of mother of perle with a pipe of golde rynyng thorowgh them. Item, a payer of beades of jacentes with white scriptures and beades of golde betwixt them. Item, I will and bequethe to my lady Bouser these parcelles folowing, that ys to say, a rose of diamountes and rubyes. Item, a ring with a poyntid diamount sett all in golde. Item, a ring with a long tabell diamount sett in blacke enamell. Item, a paier of beades of white corall gaudid with golde. Item, a tablet with a peace of th'oly crosse in yt. Item, I will and bequethe to my sonne my braselet chayne-facyon with one great jacent yn yt, desiring him to were yt for my sake. Item, all my borders of Pares workys I have disposed them to my doughter Katherine; if there remayne any borders in my handes I will and bequethe them to my doughter Anne; and for all other juelles that I have not bequest, I will that they goo to the perfourmance of this my last wyll; alwayes provided that if any of my goodes be solde, that my sonne and my two doughters may have the preferment of them for their mony afore any other. Also I will that all suche bequestes as I have bequest to my doughter Katherine be deliverid to hir ymediatly after my deathe. Item, I will that all suche bequestes as I have bequethed in thys schedule to my doughter Anne be deliverid to hir when she is xv. yeres of age; and, if she dye afore that tyme, then I will that my doughter Borowe shall have the Katheryne whele with the diamontes, the beades of golde, and all the perlys, and ij. ringes with table diamountes, and the flower with the emerode and a ruby yn yt which was bequest to my doughter Anne; and the rest

of my said doughter Anne juelles bequest not gyvin I will that my lady Bowser have them; and all other thinges bequested to the said lady within this cedule, to be delivered to her when she lyeth with my sonne; and, if yt fortune my said lady to dye afore that tyme, that then all those juelles with all bequestes to my lady Bowser to remayne to my sonne. (Signed) MAUDE PARR.

Also I will that all my goodes, plate, and juelles not bequethed shall be putt in sure keping under locke and key, wherof every of myn executours to have a key, and the same not to be solde nor dispoased but by th'assent all those myn executours whiche shall take uppon them the execution of this my will. And I will that where I have before in this my will bequethed to Maude Appowell one annuytie of v. marc yerely, I will that my will to that clause in that bequest be voyde and of none effect. And also where that I have before in this my will bequethed to Loy Bray one annuytie of xl s. terme of his lyfe, I will that the same Loy Braye have the same annuytie of xl s. yerely, and also xxvj s. viij d. yerely more for terme of hys lyfe to make upp the some of v. marc. And wheras I have certeyne grounde for terme of yeres of the lease of John Roodes, gent. I will that and if my sonne William do not inhabyt and dwell at the Reye ymmediately after my decesse, and so to continew untill th'ende of the said lease, that then the same John Roodes to have the same grounde and lease agayne ymmediately after my decesse.
(Signed) MAUDE PARR.

I will that Willyam a Kent have and enjoy th'office and baylywike of More Ende and th'office of keping of Shrobe, with the fees and wages to them and every of them belonging, during his life, which I will and charge my sonne Willyam upon my blessing that he on his parte do observe and kepe and suffre him to enjoy yt.
(Signed) MAUDE PARR.

Proved "coram domino" at "Lamehithe" ont he 14th day of December, A.D. 1531, by the oath of William Parr, executor, &c.

ARCHBISHOP WARHAM, 1530.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Willielmus Cantuariensis licet indignus Archiepiscopus, tocius Angliæ primas, et apostolicæ sedis legatus, timens ne divina sapiencia subitam michi et improvisam mortem provideat (sed genus modusque mortis parvi estimatur dummodo anima a viciis peccatisque purgetur,) devotius omnipotentem Deum oro atque humillime obsecro ut quacumque morte miserum corpus meum puniverit animam meam ab inferni cruciatibus custodiat conservetque et tueatur. Speroque propter infinita schelera mea Deus, qui peccatores non exaudit, a me aures suæ pietatis non avertet. Ad omnes igitur Dei sanctos et præcipue ad beatissimam Virginem Mariam matrem misericordiæ et ad beatum Thomam martyrem confugio, ut pia mater apud Filium, devotus martyr apud Deum, pro me misero veniam precentur, ut quomodocunque in hoc seculo vel in futuro ipse Deus me puniverit, in die tamen judicii animam meam pro sua singulari pietate eternis penis non condempnet. Non dubitans, bone Deus, quin major est misericordia tua quam iniquitas mea, ad solam misericordiam tuam confugio. Et hac spe ductus, vigesimo quinto die mensis Novembris anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo, et anno meæ translacionis a sede Londoniensi ad sedem archiepiscopatus Cantuariensis vicesimo septimo condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam sanctissimæ Trinitati patri et filio et spiritui sancto: hoc legatum meum, pie et misericors Deus, tuo precioso sanguine redemptum, propter peccata mea quæ multa et magna sunt ne repudies, sed ipsa merito vulnerum passionis tuæ misericorditer abluas; quod si digneris in nullo adversum me in exitu animæ meæ prevalebit hostis. Corporis mei fetidum cadaver in sacello quod juxta locum martiris divi Thomæ in ecclesia mea Cantuariensi de novo construxi absque omni pompa humari volo. Et executores hujus testamenti mei infrascriptos et nominatos volo et requiro sub onere conscientiarum suarum et per fidem quam in eis habeo, ut intra quindecim dies im-

mediatos post obitum meum cadaver corporis mei sine pompa (ut prædicitur) quacunque ad ecclesiam meam portari et afferri, loculumque in quo cadaver corporis mei imponetur sola nigra veste cooperiri faciant, non serico aut velveto quovismodo. Quos quidem executores hujus testamenti mei infrascriptos et nominatos volo et requiro ut vestes nigras sive lugubres erogent et distribuant non divitibus quidem ut moris est, sed pauperibus, egenis, nudis et infirmis, iisque præsertim qui juxta funus thedas ferent. Nam ut divo placet Augustino hujusmodi pompæ mortuis non prosunt, uno vivos onerant. Non convenit enim eum quem humiliter vivere decet pompose sepeliri, nisi velit, et id frustra, cadaveri mortuo majores honores deberi quam corpore vivo. Nec statuas mihi, Deus, in peccatum quod in ecclesia tua sanctorum tuorum martyrum et sanctorum confessorum sanguine et vita dedicata et miser ego sepeliri presumpserim. Et quoniam multis inauditis quæsitisque coloribus bona defunctorum episcoporum contra voluntates ipsorum episcoporum minus juste auferuntur, atque legata in eis tam ad pias quam ad alias causas non solvuntur, sed testatores per eorum successores pro dilapidacionibus recompensaciones vendicantes voluntate sua damnabiliter fraudantur, igitur executores meos infranominatos requiro ut successori meo in Archiepiscopatu Cantuariensi, cujuscunque status honoris vel dignitatis extiterit, declarent quantas pecuniarum summas super resarcitis maneriis et domibus meis exposui, quandoquidem in consciencia mea nihil pro dilapidacionibus debeo. Nam in maneriis et domibus meis jure ecclesiæ meæ ad me pertinentibus jam de novo edificatis, constructis, reparatis et resarcitis ad triginta millia librarum sterlingorum sicut me Deus adjuvet, cujus misericordiam et spero et expecto, citra tempus illud quo primo sedi in sede archiepiscopatus Cantuariensis exposui, et pro dilapidacionibus in temporibus predecessorum meorum factis ne minime quidem virtutem accepi. Igitur qui tantas pecuniarum summas super resarcitis, reparatis et de novo constructis edificatisque maneriis suis exposuit quantas ego exposui non est dilapidator habendus, neque ad ulteriores reparaciones faciendas vel jure vel consciencia tenetur. De bonitate igitur et consciencia

hujusmodi successoris mei quisquis fuerit confisus et non dubitans quin ipse sinat hoc testamentum meum debitam sortiri executionem, Lego ecclesiæ meæ Cathedrali Cantuariensi optimum et principalissimum jocale meum in hoc testamento meo inferius non legatum, et quæ sunt optima et principalissima jocalia mea volo ut stetur soli judicio et arbitrio nobilis viri domini Thomæ ducis Norfolchiæ et egregii viri domini Andreæ Winsour baronis. Item, lego Regiæ majestati Angliæ unum optimum jocale de bonis meis. Et quia dictus Thomas Dux Norfolchiæ melius noverit quid Regiæ majestati placebit quam ego, ideo volo quod soli stetur ipsius domini ducis judicio quid Regiæ majestati donetur. Item, lego sacello meo in quo Deo volente corpus meum sepelietur duo paria vestimentorum meorum optimorum, duos calices meos optimos, duas phiolas meas optimas argenteas et deauratas vulgariter nuncupatas *crwyttes*. Item, lego magistro Willielmo Warham nepoti meo Cantuariensi Archidiacono duas optimas togas meas cum penulis, et omnes libros meos quos modo habet in possessione sua. Item, lego nepoti meo Willielmo Warham filio fratris mei Hugonis Warham omnes pannos meos pendentes in camera mea in qua dormio apud Knoll in quibus pinguntur imagines Jesu Christi, divi Johannis Baptistæ et aliquorum aliorum apostolorum, quos emi a domino Arthuro Darcye milite, necnon omnes pannos meos pendentes in alia camera mea proxime adjacente dictæ cameræ meæ in qua dormio apud Knoll in quibus pinguntur ymagines venatorum, ursorum, aprorum, et cervorum, quos emi a Johanne Barret. Item, lego omnes libros meos juris civilis et canonici collegio beatæ Mariæ Virginis in Oxonia cathenandos in libraria ibidem, necnon omnes libros meos capellæ meæ scriptos et notatos in papiro et membranis vocatos *prickesong bookes*, ad usum custodis sociorum et scolarium ejusdem collegii. Item lego omnes libros meos theologicos collegio Omnium Animarum in Oxonia cathenandos in libraria ibidem ad usum custodis sociorumque et scolarium ibidem. Item, lego omnes libros meos vocatos *ledgers*, *grayles*, et antiphonalia collegio beatæ Mariæ Virginis juxta Wintoniam, ad usum custodis sociorumque et scolarium ibidem deser-

viencium. Et volo quod immediate post mortem meam magister Thomas Bedill realiter et cum effectu tradat et liberet sive tradi aut liberari faciat omnes dictos libros meos collegiis prædictis vel tradat seu liberet alicui alteri ydoneo et fideli ad usum predictum. Item, lego reverendo in Christo fratri domino Roberto permissione divina Cicestrensi episcopo unum jocale meum secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item, volo quod si Thomas prior ecclesiæ meæ Christi Cantuariensis modernus exequatur omnia divina officia circa funeralia mea in die sepulturæ corporis mei habeat viginti solidos pro laboribus suis, et quod quilibet monachus dictæ ecclesiæ meæ habeat secundum labores quos eorum unusquisque sustinebit juxta discrecionem executorum meorum. Nam cum eorum quidam majores quidam minores sustinebunt labores non est justum quod equaliter remunerentur quum equaliter non laborant. Item, lego Willielmo Chalner decem libras sterlingorum, et unum lectum plumalem, unum coopertorium sive suppellectilem lecti, cum uno pari linthiaminum et altero lodicum juxta discrecionem executorum meorum. Item, lego Edwardo Brocas unum lectum plumalem, unum coopertorium lecti sive suppellectilem lecti, cum uno pari linthiaminum et altero lodicum juxta discrecionem executorum meorum. Item, lego Thome Bartlett unum lectum plumalem, unum coopertorium sive suppellectilem lecti, cum uno pari linthiaminum et altero lodicum juxta discrecionem executorum meorum. Item, lego cuilibet ecclesiæ per quam continget corporis mei cadaver vehi et in eadem per aliquod tempus quiescere decem solidos. Item, volo quod executores mei solvant servientibus meis salarium pro uno termino integro proxime sequenti post mortem meam; nolo tamen quod appellatione servientium meorum veniant sacerdotes vel layci capellæ meæ nec alii capellani de familia mea beneficiati vel aliter promoti. Item, volo quod servientes mei una maneant in una domo mea et habeant esculenta et poculenta per unum mensem integrum immediate sequentem post mortem meam. Et volo quod pueri sacelli mei habeant remuneracionem secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Et si quæ questiones, differenciæ, difficultates vel ambigui-

tates ex aliquo scripto in hoc testamento meo oriantur, volo quod stetur omnino arbitriis, determinationibus, expositionibus et declarationibus Domini Fitzjames nunc primi et principalis justiciarii Domini Regis in Regio Banco, Magistri Fitzherbert unius justiciarii Domini Regis in Communi Banco vel aliorum quorumcunque qui pro tempore fuerint primi et principales justiciarii Domini Regis in Banco Regio et in Banco Communi, Magistri Johannis Cockes cancellarii mei, et Magistri Petri Ligham officialis curiæ meæ Cantuariensis. Et si hoc testamentum sive ultimam voluntatem meam alii interpretari presumpserint volo quod interpretacio eorum pro nulla omnino habeatur. Et quia multociens executores per testatorum successores et alios injuste turbantur et inquietantur, ita quod bona testatorum in alios usus quam per testatores in testamento provisos convertere et distribuere coguntur et compelluntur, ideo nonnullas pecuniarum summas et vasa argentea et deaurata secretis amicis meis dedi ut secundum eorum consciencias sibi ipsis in proprios usus retineant, vel ut melius sibi videbitur pro salute animæ meæ et parentum meorum distribuent, quorum consciencias in nullo onerari volo, sed de omnibus et singulis dictarum pecuniarum summis ac de vasis argenteis eos omnes et singulos libero et quieto per præsentes. Et licet executores mei hoc testamentum meum exequi per aliquem aut aliquos forte impediantur, secreti tamen amici mei bona mea pro salute animæ meæ disponent vel in suas utilitates privatas convertent. Elegi potius amicos quam ignotos aut extraneos bona mea post mortem meam habere et possidere, quia licet pro anima mea nihil distribuant frequentius tamen et devotius quam ignoti vel extranei pro anima mea orabunt. Insuper ut huic præsenti testamento meo de data præsentium plena fides sit robur atque firmitas, ideo omnia alia testamenta mea atque codicellos sub quacunque verborum serie ante datum præsentis testamenti mei scripta subscripta vel sigillata per præsentes revoco, annullo atque casso, et pro revocatis annullatis ac cassatis haberi volo. Hujus testamenti executores ordino, facio, nomino et constituo nobilem virum dominum Thomam ducem Norfolchiæ, egregium virum dominum Andream Winsour baronem,

Magistrum Johannem Cockes cancellarium meum, Magistrum Petrum Ligham officialem curiæ meæ prædictæ, Magistrum Ricardum Parkehurst et Magistrum Johannem Waren, et eorum quemlibet. Et quia sex executores in diversis et remotis locis habitantes in unum facile convenire non possunt, racione qua corpus meum diu remaneret inhumatum et insepultum, ceteraque in hoc testamento meo expressa non facilem sortirentur effectum, volo quod dicti Magistri Johannes Cockes, Petrus Ligham, Ricardus Parkehurst, et Johannes Waren, aliis duobus executoribus supranominatis non facile convenientibus, omnia contenta et expressa in hoc testamento meo, saltem quæ ad sepulturam cadaveris mei et ad funeralia spectabunt, bene et fideliter exequantur, et quod ipsi quatuor de omnibus in absentia dictorum duorum aliorum executorum meorum administratis ipsis duobus absentibus racionem reddere tenebuntur. Et quia dictus nobilis vir dominus Thomas dux de Norfolchia semper mei amantissimus fuit, ideo illi do et lego duo parva salsaria de auro cum coopertoriis suis de auro, et unum ciphum argenteum plene deauratum cum coopertorio suo. Item, lego dicto domino Andreæ Winsour, alteri executorum meorum, pro laboribus suis in executione hujus testamenti, et quia michi semper et consanguineis meis amicus fuit, remuneracionem de bonis meis in hoc testamento meo superius non legatis neque aliter dispositis secundum industrias, labores et diligencias quas fecerit in præmissis. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum neque aliter dispositorum volo ut ipsi executores mei distribuant et disponant pro salute animæ meæ inter consanguineos meos et præsertim inter servientes meos secundum discreciones et consciencias suas. De quorum quidem conscientiis in hac parte plene firmiter et integerrime confido. In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum fidem et testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui die mense et anno supradictis. Ego WILLIELMUS CANTUARIENSIS huic testamento manu mea subscribo, et idem pro vero testamento meo et pro ultima voluntate admitti volo.

Codicillus ejusdem.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxth day of August, in the yere of our Lord God M^{l}v^{c}xxxj, I William Warham,[a] by the grace of God Archebisshop of Canturbery, do will and bequethe to all and every of my Chamberleynes and to Rychard Wynesbury a fethur bedd with the apparell complete, and to every of my houshold servantes this quarter's wages and halfe yere's wages for the halfe yere next ensuyng, to be levyd and payed of suche goodes, juelles, and plate as I shall leave behinde me to my executours. Also I give and bequethe to William Burbage for terme of his life the little house before the archdeacon's house, in the whiche the wife of the saide William died in. I bequethe also to my kynnesman Raufe Moyle a fethur bedd complet. These being present: Richard Parkehurst, Thomas Woodd, John Warren, Roger Harman, Thomas Morley, Thomas Bartelett.

Proved, together with the codicil attached, the 14th day of December, 1532, before Master Richard Gwent, "decretorum doctore prerogativæ eccliæ Xpi. Cant." &c. by the oaths of the Duke of Norfolk, Sir Andrew Windesour, and Masters Cockes, Parkehurst, and Waren, clerks, the executors named above.

[a] The family of Warham was of Malsanger in Surrey, and Thomas Warham, citizen and carpenter of London, who was one of twelve principal inhabitants of Croydon who presented to the chantry of St. Mary in the church of that parish in 1458, and again in 1476, and was there buried in 1481, is supposed to have been one of the archbishop's uncles. See a pedigree in the Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica, 1836, vol. iii. p. 6; and at p. 5 some notices of his nephew the archdeacon (mentioned in the present will) who was son of Nicholas: and also of his other nephew, the son of Hugh, afterwards Sir William Warham of Malsanger.

CHARLES BRANDON, DUKE OF SUFFOLK, 1544.

The Duke of Suffolk died on the 24th of August, 1545, fourteen months after the date of this will; and his body was buried, not at Tattershall, as he directed, but in the royal chapel of St. George at Windsor.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Charles Duke of Suffolk, being of hole and perfite memory, considering the greate ambiguities, doubtes, and questiones that dayly do ryse and growe in last willes, the twentie day of June, in the yere of oure Lorde God a thousande fyve hunderth xliiij., make this my last testament of all my goodes, catalles, and my will of my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, according to the lawes of the realme in that case ordeyned and provyded, in forme folowing: Firste, I bequeth my soule to Almightie God the father, the sonne, and th'olie gooste, thre personnes and one God, who haith redemed the same by the merites of his passion; and my body to be buryed in the colledge churche of Tatteshall in the countie of Lincoln, yf it so convenyently may be, without any pompe or outwarde pryde of the worlde, and that certen masses and diriges to be done for me by all the prestes of the same colledge and other of my chapleyns onely according to the auncyent and laudable custome of the Churche of England, by the discrecon of myn executors; and I will that no blacke gownes or cootes be gyven for me, but onely to my servauntes and other that shalbe torche berers at the tyme of my buriall. And I will that immediatly after my deathe myn executours pay my debtes to all and every personne and personnes to whome I have doon any injuries or wronges, and so lawfully proved before myn executours or two of them, that they incontynentlie without delay make satisfaccion and recompense in that behalf. And I will that immediatly after my deceasse one hunderth poundes be given, distributed, and delivered by myne executours to the poorest housholders being my tennauntes, and other dwelling next unto my houses of Tatteshall, Eresham, Ellowe, and Gryms-

thorp, in the countie of Lincoln, by the discrecion of myn executours or the more parte of them, to th'intent to praye for my soule. And I will and freelie gyve to the Kinges highnes a cuppe of golde of the value of one hunderth poundes, and the same cupp to be made of my collar of the Garter, being of the value aforesaid. And I give and bequeth to my Lorde Prince Edward one cupp of golde of the value of one hunderth markes. And I give and graunte by this my laste testament to the Lady Katheryne my wife[a] in money nombred five hunderth markes, and as moche of my plate as shall amounte to the some of fyve hunderth markes, and all suche plate as she hathe nowe in her owne custody and called her plate. And I give and bequeth to my saied wife asmoche of my juelles and pearles as shalbe to the value of fyve hunderth markes, and asmoche of my stuff of houshold as shalbe to the value of fyve hunderth markes, and all my shepe that shalbe at the tyme of my deathe going of suche parcelles of landes in the countie of Lincoln as is assigned and appoynted for the joyntor of the saied Lady Katheryne my wife. And I give and bequeth to my doughter Fraunces the Lorde Marques wife[b] asmoche plate as shall amount to the value of two hunderth poundes, the same to be bought by myn executours for her, wyth myn armes to be wroght uppon the same. And I gyve to my doughter Elynor Clyfforde[c] asmoche newe plate as shall amountt to the value of two hunderth poundes, lykewise to be bought for her by myn executours, with myn arms to be wroght uppon the same, as is aforesaied. And all the residue of my quycke catall whatsoever it be, excepte the saied shepe so graunted and gyven to my saied wif, and also excepte suche of myn horses, geldings, and mares that shalbe mete, necessarye, and convenyent for my saied wif and Henry my sonne, whome I will shall have the saied horses, mares, and geldinges of my gifte

[a] Daughter and heir of William Lord Willoughby of Eresby, afterwards remarried to Richard Bertie, Esq.

[b] Frances, wife of Henry Grey, Marquess of Dorset, whose will as Duchess of Suffolk will be found in a future page.

[c] Eleanor, married to Henry Lord Clifford, afterwards Earl of Cumberland.

by thes presentes, shalbe and go to the performaunce of this my last will and testament. And all the resydewe of my plate, aswell golde as silver plate and gilte plate, and the residue of my juelles, and myn apparell for mye bodye, and my houshold stuffe, wheresoever they shalbe at the tyme of my deathe, within this realme of Englande or elleswhere, excepte suche plate, money, juelles, housholdstuf, before or herafter by this my present testament gyven and bequethed, and also excepte my money coyned and debtes owing unto me, aswell by obligacion billes obligatory as otherwise, I gyve, graunt, and bequeth by this my last will and testament to Henry my eldest sonne and heyre apparaunt, to his owne use; to be delyvered to hym by my saied wif and other myn executours at suche tyme as he shalbe of th'age of xxj. yeres, yf he lyf so long, or at his age of xviij. yeres at the discrecion of my saied wif and executours yf that they shall think convenient the same to be delivered hym at the same his suche age. And, yf he my saied sonne Henry dye before that he shall come to his saied age of xxj. yeres, as God defende, and before the saied goodes shalbe delivered unto him as is aforesaied, then I will that my sonne Charles have all the saied plate, juelles, apparell, and housholdestuf, horses, geldinges, and mares, gyven and bequethed by thes presentes to my saied sonne Henry, to be delivered to my saied sonne Charles at suche tyme as he shall come to his age of xxj. yeres, yf he lyve so long, or at his age of xviij. yeres yf myn executours shall think convenyent and requisite the same to be delivered to hym at the same his suche age. And yf they my saied sonnes Henry and Charles[a] dye before they come to there severall ages of xxj. yeres, as God defende, and the saied plate, juelles, apparell, housholdstuff, horses, geldinges, and mares not delivered to one of them my saied sonnes, then I will that my next heyre male of my body begotten have the same juelles, plate, housholdstuf, ap-

[a] They died together of the sweating sickness in 1551. The elder was then in his twenty-first year, and the younger in his fourteenth.

parell, horses, mares, and geldinges. And for defaulte of suche yssue male, then I will that my saied wif and my saied doughters the Lady Fraunces and the Lady Elynour, or the heyres of my saied doughters Fraunces and Elynour, have the saied plate, juelles, and housholdstuff, equally to be dyvided and distributed emonges them to theire owne uses, in case the saied plate, housholdstuf, and juelles be not delivered to my saied sonnes, or to one of them, in there lif tymes at the ages aforesaied. And as concerninge my other goodes, catalles, money coyned, and debtes due or to be due and owing unto me by obligacions or otherwise at the tyme of my deathe, I will that myn executours shall take and have the same to the performaunce of this my saied last will. And do by thies presentes give and graunt unto William Staneley[a] the sonne and heyre apparaunt of the Lord Mountegle the mariage of Mrs Anne Haward[b] doughter to the Lord William Hawarde and the lady his late wyf one of theyres of —— Broughton esquier, and also I give unto the saied William Staneley his own mariage the which I bought of the saied Lorde Mountegle his father, and also I geve to the saied William Staneley the yerely rentes, yssues, and profettes of the manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the countie of Lancastre, to the yerely value of one hunderth poundes sterling, which I have during the nonage of the saied William Staneley by bargayne, sale, and graunt of the saied Lorde Mountegle, duringe suche interest as I have in the same, uppon consideracion and condicion that he the saied William Staneley or some other for hym shall not onely pay one thousande markes sterling whiche I am bounde by obligacion or otherwise to paye to the saied Lorde William Haward for the mariage of the saied Mrs Anne Haywarde, but also to performe all suche covenauntes, promyses, and aggreymentes as I have covenaunted to performe by one payer

[a] The Duke's grandson. Thomas Stanley second Lord Mounteagle married for his first wife Mary Brandon, daughter of the Duke of Suffolk, and had issue William, who succeeded his father as Lord Mounteagle in 1560.

[b] The only daughter of Lord William Howard by Katherine sister and coheir of John Broughton esquire, became the wife of William Paulet third Marquess of Winchester, and died in 1601. She is named Agnes in her mother's epitaph, formerly in Lambeth church.

of indentures hadde and made betwen me the saied duke and the saied Lord William Hawarde concerninge the mariage of the saied Mrs Anne Haward. And yf the saied Mres Anne Hawarde refuse to marry the saied William Staneley, then I will the saied William Staneley shall have and take th'advauntage, profett, and comodytie of the saied mariage of the saied Mres Anne as I myself or my executores shuld have doon yf this gifte or bequest therof had not been hadde or made. And I will that none of my plate or juelles, housholdstuff, or other my goodes whatsoever they be, before gyven to my wif or to my saied eldest sonne or otherwise before in thies presentes bequethed or gyven to any personne or personnes, be lyable or chargeable to the payment of my saied debtes nor otherwise to the perfourmance of this my last will and testament otherwise or in any other maner then they be especially gyven and appoynted before or herafter in this my present testament and will. And I will that myne executours shall yerely have, perceyve, and take the yerely yssues, revenuez, and profettes of all suche my landes, tenementes, woodes, and hereditamentes herunder mencioned as I have assigned and appoynted to the performaunce of this my present last will and testament in suche forme and to suche intent or intentes as herafter shalbe expressed or declared. And the surplusage of the saied goodes, catalles, and profettes of landes over and above the performaunce of my saied last will and testament I will that myn eldest sonne or suche as shalbe myn heyre shall have the same to his or their owne use or uses, to be delivered to hym or them by myn executours at suche tyme as he or they shall come to his or theire age or ages of xxj. yeres or before at his age of xviij. yeres at the leaste by the discrecions of my saied executours. And I will that suche juelles, plate, and housholdestuf as I by this my last will and testament have given and bequethed to my eldest sonne and to suche as shalbe myn heyres after my deathe, and the surplusage and overplus of my goodes, catalles, and profetes of landes whiche myn executours shall receyve over and above the payment of my debtes and performaunce of this my last will and testament, shall after my

deathe be in the custody and keping of my saied wyf to th'uses and intentes before written and declared, so that she my saied wief kepe her sole and mary not after my deathe therewith, and so that she be bounden to the resydew of myn executours in suche somes of money and in suche forme as they or the more parte of them shall thinke convenyent salvely to kepe and deliver the saied money, juelles, plate, hanginges, stuf of housholde, and all other goodes and catalles given and by thes presentes bequethed to my saied sonnes and other yssue male of my body lawfully begotten and in defaute therof to my saied doughters Fraunces and Elynour in forme afore mencioned; and yf my saied wif either mary after my deathe or refuse and will not be bounde to the residue of myn executours for the sure custody, keping, and delyverey of the saied juelles, plate, housholdstuff, other goodes and profettes of landes as before is saied to my sonnes and heyres males or other of my body, and in defaute therof to my saied two doughters Fraunceys and the Lady Elynour in forme aforesaied, then I will that the residewe of myn executours have the custody and keping of the saied plate, juelles, housholdstuff, other goodes and profettes of landes to the uses and ententes before declared, and to deliver the same as before is expressed. And I will and give to every one of my servauntes that shalbe in my wages the day of my death and having no yerely fees of my gifte and graunte for terme of their severall lyves by patent, or not taryeng or contynuyng in service with my saied wif or eldest sonne, theire two hole yeres' wages and a blake cote over and above the wages for suche tyme as they shall have before that doon me service and not be paied for the same in my lyf tyme, and suche of my servantes as do tary and contynue with my saied wief or eldest sonne shalhave one hole yere's wages of my gifte and graunt. And by this my present testament I do ordeyn and constitute my saied wife, Lorde Wriothesley Lord Chauncelour of Englande, Sir Anthony Browne one of thonorable ordre of the gartre, and William Saint John [a] Lord Chamberleyn of the Kinges most honorable housholde, to be myn executours, and

[a] William Paulet, Lord St. John, afterwards the first Marquess of Winchester.

the Kynges highnes the supervisour of my said will, whose moste benigne Majestie I most humbly beseche that it will please his Highnes of his abundaunt goodnes not onely t'accepte and take uppon hym the same, but also that, like as by his Highnes' service and moste bountifull liberalitye and preferment I have been and remayn advaunced to that estate I presently am of, yt will also likewise stand with his Majesties further pleasure t'extende and contynue his Highnes accustumed goodnes towardes my saied entierly beloved wife the Lady Katheryne aforesaied, as also th'onest bringing upp of my sonnes in lernyng and other vertuose educacion, and most especially of Henry my eldest sonne, wherby he might the rather atteyn to be able so to serve his moste excellent Majestie and my Lorde Prince his master as his moost bounden dewtie bothe in his owne and in my behalf doith and shall requyre, towardes th'accomplysshement wherof I his naturall father most humble beseche the moste blessed Trinitie to sende and graunte hym grace in that behalf; they the saied myn executours to performe the same in maner and forme and according as is before and herafter shalbe expressed according to the true entent and meanyng therof. And also I will and graunte by thies presenties to every one of myn executours excepte my wife to have in plate to the value of fourtie poundes sterling for there paynes to be taken in th'execucion of the same, over and above all suche charges as they shall susteyn in th'execution of the same my saied will and testament.

And as concernyng the will of my landes according to the good and beneficiall statutes and lawes in that case made and provyded, for that I have a yonger sonne to whome it is requisite an honest lyvyng be by me provyded, and also that my testament and last will may be performed accordyng to myn entent therin declared according to the saied good lawes and ordynaunce, wherfore by vertue of the said statute I will by thies presenties that my saied executours shall have the house, syte, and precincte of the late monastery of Revesby in the countie of Lincoln and all my manours, meses, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, pensions, personages, tithes, woodes,

underwoodes, waters, commons, fishinges, rentes, courtes of lete, courte barons, profettes, hereditamentes, whatsoever that they be, within the countie of Lincoln or elleswhere to the saied late monastery of Revesby at the tyme of suppressing, surrendure, and comyng of the same to th'andes and possession of the Kinges Highnes belonging or in any wise apperteyning, or whiche were the possessions of the saied late monastery at the tyme of the dissolucion of the saied late monastery and to me the saied duke gyven and graunted by our saied sovereign Lorde the King by vertue of his Grace's letters patentes therof made unto me in that behalf as more playnly it may and will appere by the saied letters patentes. And also I will that my saied executours have all those my manours of Burwell, Calceby, Sawsthrope, with all there membres and appertenaunces in the saied countie of Lincoln, and the demeanes of the late priorie of Thorneholme in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all those my graunges of Canweke, Belteham, Saynt Thomas graunge, Hanby graunge, and Hundelby in the saied county of Lincoln; and all my landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, commons, wooddes, waters, rentes, personages, tithes, profettes, and hereditamentes in Burwell, Calceby, Sawsthorpe and the membres of the same, and in Canweke, Belteham, Saynt Thomas graunge, Hanby graunge, and Hundelby graunge aforesaid; and all the demeanes of Stonely, and all those my landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, possessions, and hereditamentes of the late monastery of Erbury and Stoneley in the countie of Warrewick, and all that my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the counties of Warrewick and Leicester parcell of the possessions of the late monastery of Erbury; and all my landes, medowes, and pastures in Plumsted in the countie of Kent; and my house at Charinge Crosse without the citie of London called Suffolke Place;[a] and my manours and late comaundryes of Temple Brewer and Malteby and Skyrbeck, with their members and appurtenances, in the countie of Lincoln, and all my landes, tenementes, woodes, waters, commons,

[a] Suffolk Street, Haymarket, was "so called (says Strype) as being built on the ground where stood a large house belonging to the Earls (qu. Dukes?) of Suffolk."

rentes, reversions, and hereditamentes to the saied late comaundries of Malteby and Temple Brewer or to either of them in any wise appertayning or belonging; and all that my pastures and closures called Slowforth closes in the saied county of Lyncolne; and all that my manors of Scampton and Northcarleton with theire members and appurtenaunces in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all those my two graunges called th'Est graunge and the West graunge in the towne of Scampton in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all my landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reversions, and hereditamentes with th'appartenaunces in Scampton and Northcarleton aforesaid; and all those my graunges of Revesby, Swynthorpe, Woddingworth, Shepewasshe graunge, Styrton, Snelling graunge, Lynwood graunge, Hanby graunge, and the personage of Ednam in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all that my landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, commons, rentes, profettes, and hereditamentes to the saied graunge of Revesby, Swinthorpe, Woddingworth, Shepewasshe graunge, Styrton, and Snelland graunge, Lynwood graunge, and Hanby graunge, and the saied personage, or to any of them apperteyning or belonginge, or at the day of the date of this my present will be knowen, taken, occupied, reputed, or used as part and parcell of any of the saied graunges; and all that my personage of Billingay in the countie of Lincoln aforesaied, with the tithes, profettes, and heredytamentes to the saied personage belonging; and all that my houses of the late Blackefryers in Boston and of the late Greyfryers in Stamford in the saied countie of Lincolne, with all that my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to the saied late houses of the Blackfryers and Greyfryers apperteyning and belonginge; and the severall reversions of all and singler the saied monasteries, comaundries, preceptories, manours, graunges, landes, tenementes, and other the premysses, and the severall rentes receaved uppon every divise and lease made of the premysses and every parte and parcell therof; to have and to hold all the saied monasteries, preceptories, comaundries, manours, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, graungies, waters, personages, tithes, profettes, and hereditamentes, and all other the premysses, to my saied

executours frome and immediatly after the day of my death unto th'ende and terme of fyfteyn yeres thenne next and immediatly ensuyng fully to be complete and ended, to th'intent that my saied executours with the yerely rentes, yssues, revenues, and profettes comyng, growing, and being of all the saied monasteries, comaundries, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, and all and singler other the premysses before expressed in this my will of all my landes and of every parte and parcell therof, shall paye or cause my debtes to be paied and performe this my last will and testament before written; provided alwaies that myn executours make no wast nor distruccion of the woodes growing in or upon any the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes aforemencioned. And also I will that my saied executours with the yerely rentes and profettes comyng and growing of the said manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premysses to them my saied executours assigned and appoynted during the saied terme of fifteyne yeres for the perfourmaunce of this my testament and laste will as is afore rehersed, shall performe the same according to the true entent therof. And the overplus and surplussage of th'yssues and profettes of the saied manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes remayning over and above the performyng of the same my saied laste will and testament in forme afore expressed I will that myn executours shall bestowe and employe of the same to the some of eight thousaunde markes in purchase of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to th'use of my saied sonne Charles and his heyres, or elles otherwise in byeng or obteyning one gentilwoman having landes and tenementes of inheritaunce to be maried unto my saied sonne Charles, and the saied myn executours to have the bestowing of the saied money to either of bothe the saied ententes or purposes. And yf my saied sonne Charles dye before his age of xxj. yeres, or before that he be maried, that thenne the saied landes or gentilwoman inheritrix of landes to be purchaced for hym by myn executours, or elles the some of eight thousande markes bequested unto hym the saied Charles, or appoynted to be bestowed to his use and behof, shalbe and remayne to my saied sonne Henry

to his owne use and behof; and yf he dye, as God defende, without yssue of his body, then all the same to remayne to my next heire. And all the overplus of the profittes of the same landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, over and above as well the paymentes of my saied debtes and bequests in this my saied present last will afore rehersed, as also above the saied some of viij. thousande markes before in this presenties appoynted to be bestowed to th'use of my saied sonne Charles, shalbe to my saied sonne Henry to his owne proper use. All whiche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes appoynted and assigned to the performance of this my last will and testament is of the clere yerely value of [*blank*] over and besides the casuall profettes of courtes and profettes of woodes of the premysses. Also I give and graunt by thies presenties to my saied sonne Charles the custody and mariage of Agnes Woodall,[a] doughter and heyre of Anthony Woodall esquier deceassed, the which I bought of Sir Anthony Wingfield knight of the honorable ordre of the Gartre, togither also with a yerelie rent of xx^{li} whiche [is] for the keping and custody of the saied Agnes during her mynoritie and nonage, to have and enjoye the saied bothe custody and mariage of the saied Agnes Woodall and the saied yerely rent of twentie poundes to me, myn executours and assignes, in as ample and large maner and forme in every behalf as the saied Sir Anthony Wingfield at any tyme hathe hadd or might enjoye the same by vertue of suche graunt as the saied Sir Anthony Wingfield therof had or haith graunted unto hym by our soveraign Lorde the King by th'advyse of the master of his graces wardes and lyvereyes and other of his highnes counsaile of the courte of the wardes and lyveryes aforesaied. And over that I will my saied wif shall have for her joynter in recompence of her dowrye all suche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes

[a] Agnes, daughter and heir of Anthony Wodhull of Thenford, co. Northampton, styled Baron Wodhull (who died 4 Feb. 1541-2), was married first to Richard Chetwode, esq. and secondly to Sir George Calveley, of Lea in Cheshire; and she died in 1575; leaving issue by her first husband Sir Richard Chetwode of Odell, co. Bedford. See the pedigree of Woodhull in Baker's Northamptonshire, i. p. 712.

in the countie of Lincoln graunted by the Kinges highnes by his letters patentes unto me and her for the terme of oure lyves and to th'eyres of my body lawfully begotten: that is to saye, all the manours, landes, tenementes, and woodes, waters, rentes, reversions, services, and hereditamentes to the late monasteries of Valdey, Norton Park, Markeby, Grenefeld, Louth Parke, Newsam, Elsam, and Bollington in the countie of Lincoln belonging and apperteyning, with the sites, precinctes, and houses of the saied late monasteries, and the manours of Willisforth and Allington in the same countie of Lincoln, as more playnlie it is expressed in the saied letters patentes and by the same it may appere. And I will that my saied wief shall also have of my gifte by thes presenties my house of Keyhu in the countie of Surrey, and all my houses, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in Keyhu aforesaied for terme of her lyfe. And all whiche mannours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes appoynted to my wief for her joynter is of the clere yerely value of [*blank*] over and above aswell for the profettes of woodes growing theruppon, as also over and above profettes of courtes of the saied manours, landes, and tenementes, and other casualties. And I will that the Kinges highnes, according to his lawes, immediatly after my deathe shalhave, hold, and enjoye during the nonage of my sonne and heyre apparaunt my mansion of Tateshale, with the chayce, parke, and membres of the same, and the late monasteries of Barlings and Kyrsted, with the membres and appurtenances, in the countie of Lincoln, and the site, precyncts, and domaynes of the saied late monasteries, and all that my manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and profettes to the saied late monasteries of Barlinges and Kirsted apperteyning and belonging and to ether of them apperteyning or belonging, excepte all those my manours of Northcarleton and Scampton, all the saied graunges called th'Est graungies and the West graunges in Scampton aforesaied, and all the saied graunges of Revesby, Stirton, Snellande, Lynwood, Swynthrop, Wadingworth, Shepewasshe, and the graunge of the Kinges to the saied late monasteryes of Barlinges and Kyrsted, or to either of them, apper-

teyning and belonging and by thies presenties gyven and appoynted to the performaunce of this my last will. And I will that the Kinges highnes shall also have during the nonage of my saied heyre all that my honour of Richmounde fee in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all that my manours of Donington, Frampton, Lednam, Fulbeck, and Washingbrowgh, with theire appurtenances, in the saied countie of Lincoln, and all that my landes, tenementes, rentes, and hereditamentes of the sokes of Kyrton, Monby Soke, Skyrbeke, and Gaptone Soke in the saied countie of Lincoln, with their membres and appurtenances, and my manour of Monkes Kyrkby, with the membres and appurtenaunces, in the countie of Warwick, and my manours of Bliborough, Appelby, Westwood, and Ancastre, with their membres and appurtenances, in the countie of Lincoln, and all that my manour of Thapflet, with th'appurtenances, in the countie of Yorke, and my manour of Holdesworthe in the countie of Devon, and all that my manours, landes, and hereditamentes in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Warwick, Devonshire, and Somerset, or elswhere within the realme of England, and assigned and appoynted before in this my present will to my saied wife or to the perfourmance of this my last will and testament above declared, the manours of Corryrevell, Martoke, Langacre, Holbeton, and Flete, and the manour of Kingesbury Regis, with their membres and appurtenances, in the counties of Somersett and Devon, and all my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the saied counties of Somerset and Devon to the yerely value of CCCCxiij li. vj s. viij d., onely excepted that my Lorde of Norfolk shulde have, perceyve, and take the yerely profettes of the saied manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments in Martoke, Corryrevell, Langacre, Holbeton, Flete, and Kingesbury Regis, during his lyfe naturall, forasmoche as he was tenaunte of the saied landes and other landes hadd betwen the Kinges majestie and me by exchaunge; the residue of all which my other landes and tenementes in the saied countie of Devonshire and Somerset over and above the saied manours, lands, and tenementes, and hereditamentes to the saied yerely value of foure hunderth poundes xiij li.

vjs. viijd. whiche the saied Duke of Norfolk holdeth for terme of his lyfe, and my saied other manours, landes, and tenementes and hereditamentes before remembred, I will and graunt by theis presentes shall immediately after my death descende and remayne unto my saied eldest sonne in possession, reversion, or remayndre, according to such estate, estates, and interest as I have or shalhave in the same the day of my saied death; all whiche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes last before in this present [will] mencioned and appoynted to descende and remayne in possession to my saied eldest sonne or to suche as shalbe myn heyre shall at the tyme of my deathe not onely be of the clere yerelie value of [*blank*] over and above all casuall profettes and yerely woodsales, but also shall, over and besides the abovesaied landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes of the yerely value of foure hunderth xiijli. vjs. viijd. whiche the saied Duke of Norfolk holdeth for terme of his lyf, the reversion therof to me and myne heyres of my body begotten, surmount and excede the hole and full thirde parte of all my manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the realme of England, according to suche charitable lawes of this realme as been in that behalf made, establyshed, and ordeyned. In wytnes wherof to thiese my present will and testament I have subscribed my name and putto my seall the day and yere abovesaied.

Proved 1st April, 1547, by the oaths of Katherine the relict, William St. John lord St. John, and Sir Anthony Browne knight, present in person, and Lord Thomas Wriotheseley, Earl of Southampton, &c. in the person of Robert Johnson, notary public, his proctor, &c.

STEPHEN GARDYNER, BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

In the name of God, Amen. I Steven Bishopp off Wynchester, of parfyte memorye, make and ordayne my last wille and testament in maner and fourme following: Firste, I committe my soule to the infinite mercye of Allmightye God, and recommende my wretched estate unto the greate mercye of our Saviour Jesus Christe, by mediacion of whose bludde and passion I truste to be saved, and by the intercession of all the companny of heaven, with whome I trust being knytte with charitie shall also be releaved to obtayne pardon for my synnes, as ordayned by God to praye for the whole state of the Churche, and specially for them that call uppon them, whiche is my profession wherein I doo passe this present life. Secondly, I will my wretched bodie be conveyed to the earth from whence it came with suche convenient ceremonies as to myn executours shalbe thought meete. Thirdelie, partelie to recognise the great benefites and speciall favour that I have receaved of my moste graciouse and soveraine ladye the Quenes mooste excellent majestie, whiche I can in no parte recompence if I shulde lyve manny lyves, I have and doo for witnes therof leave unto her a cupp of golde with a saphier in the toppe, as wourthie to have preciouse stones and golde as ever was a princesse. Item, I bequeathe to my Lord Legates grace* a ring with a dyamounte, not so bigge as he is wourthie to have, but such as his poore orator is able to geve. Item, I will two hundred poundes to be bestowed uppon liverayes at myn enterrement. Item, I bequeath to Trinitie Hall in Cambridge one hundred poundes. Item, I bequeath to my cathedrall churche all my chapell stuff, saving my twoo peaces of arras, whiche I bequeath to my successours. Item, I bequeath to my church my gloves, surplesse, and amys, tunicles, my myter and crosyer, there to

* Cardinal Pole.

remayne to th'use of my successours. Item, I bequeath to my successor my hanging of a hall called the triumphes. Item, my redde hanging of estridge fethers for a chapell. Item, a paned blue hanging for the same use. Item, a thirde pece of silke for the same use: the said hanginges to remayn to my successours for that use, so as they may endure. Item, a pontificall ringe with a saphier, suche as myne executours shall deliver. Item, I will to be bestowed apon myn enterrement fyve hundred poundes. Item, I will to be bestowed for the erection of a chauntry, that I may be praied for, fower hundred poundes. Item, for my tombe three hundred poundes. Item, for myn executors, eche of them xxli. Item, I bequeath to mestres Longe my spone of golde. Item, to John Cheston threescore six poundes, thirtene shillinges, and foure pence. Item, to Christofer Newman, because he hathe doon me so longe service and spent his tyme with me, I bequeath him a hundred markes. Item, to Daniel's wife fortie poundes. Item, to my godsonne Cheston of Burye fortye poundes. Item, to Alice Cheston, towardes her mariage, fortie poundes. Item, to M[aister] Nicolas Udall,[a] my scolemaister, fortye markes. Item, I bequeath to Thomas Worliche all my humanitie and lawe bookes. Item, to Mr. Jaques Wyngefeelde[b] fortie poundes. Item, I will to be be-

[a] Nicholas Udall, master of arts, (then aged 44,) was present at Gardyner's sermon before King Edward VI. at Whitehall, on St. Peter's Day 1548, and, "at the request of a noble personage of this realm, was in the pulpit, diligently noting in writing the said sermon." He wrote the report of it which is printed in Foxe's Actes and Monuments, first edition 1563, p. 771, Cattley's edition, 1838, vi. 87: being on that occasion employed by "a noble personage of this realm,"—probably the Duke of Somerset. Subsequently he must have reconciled himself to the old faith, to have become Gardyner's "scole maister," by which we must understand the master of the young gentlemen educated in the bishop's household. See further of Nicholas Uvedale in Wood's Athenæ Oxon (edit. Bliss,) i. 214.

[b] "Jacques Wingfield, gentleman, servant to the bishop of Winchester, in whose service he hath continued these twenty years," was one of the witnesses examined in Gardyner's cause in 1551. He went to Syon with James Basset (hereafter mentioned) to solicit the Lord Protector for his master's release from the Tower. He was one of the sons of Sir Richard Wingfield, K.G. and became Master of the Ordnance in Ireland. See the Visitation of Huntingdonshire (Camden Society,) p. 131.

stowed uppon ringes to geve to my especiall good lordes and freendes to remembre me withall, at the discrecion of myn executours, xlli. Item, I bequeath to every of my yomen and gromes whome I have not otherwise specially remembred xxs. Item, to Maister Raynes my steward xl li. Item, to Fraunces Roockwood xiij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Castelyn iiij li. Item, to Oliver Vachell xx li. Item, to Massye[a] vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Lentall[b] xls. Item, to Skerne[c] xls. To Somersett vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to William Coppinger[d] iiij li. Item, to Marshall vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Maynwaring v li. To Jermayn[e] xls. Item, to Burton[f] iiij li. Item, to

[a] Robert Massie had been servant to the bishop for seventeen years, and was of 40 years of age when examined in the Bishop's cause in 1551. "He hath vj li. vj s. viij d. wages and iiij li. fee and living." (Foxe, Actes and Monumentes, first edition, 1563, and Cattley's edition, 1838.)

[b] Nicholas Lentall had in 1551 been servant to the Bishop of Winchester for twenty years or thereabout. "He hath five pounds wages, and meat, drink, and livery; and ten pounds annuity out of the bishop's manor of Downton."

[c] Thomas Skerne had in 1551 been the bishop's servant for eighteen or nineteen years; of the age of 40. "He hath four pounds wages, and livery, meat, and drink; and he hath a patent of the office of the collector and clerk of the bailiwick of Winton and Oxfordshire, and profits belonging to the same."

[d] William Coppinger, servant to Stephen Bishop of Winchester, with whom he had been in service these seven years and more (1551), and before that at his exhibition since the time he was of the age of ten years. He went to the Tower of London to wait on his master during his imprisonment on the illness of Thomas Crowte hereafter mentioned. "He is the bishop's servant, having four pounds wages, meat and drink, and livery; and liij s. yearly in reward; and ten pounds fee which he had at Michaelmas last, by the death of William Gardyner the bishop's brother; and the reversion of the bailiwick of Wargrave."

[e] Jermyn is mentioned in the evidence of Philip Paris, esquire (in 1551), as having offended the bishop when attendant upon him at Paris, in 1537, by going to see Cardinal Pole: "howbeit the said cardinal came not, and therefore the bishop was soon pacified: but if he had seen him, this deponent thinketh verily that he would have put him out of his service."

[f] Henry Burton, one of the Bishop of Winchester's servants, with whom he had dwelt almost eight years, of the age of 25 or 26 (in 1551). He was one of the bishop's household that had been appointed to serve in the campaign in Scotland 1549; "and forasmuch as this deponent had his horse slain in the field of battle, he obtained leave of the Lord FitzWalter, being his captaine, to come home a fortnight after the battle." He "hath four pounds wages by year, and livery; and ten pounds fee for the bailiwick of Exton by patent."

Hampden[a] iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to John Eden, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Crane vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Palnes iiij li. Item, to Fraunces Kempe iiij li. Item, to Gawdye[b] vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Thomas Eden vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Babbington vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Bettes iiij li. Item, to Dickam x li. Item, to Dennys vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item, to Parrys[c] iiij li. Item, to Fowler iiij li. Item, to Tracye iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Bushe liij s. iiij d. Item, to Norton iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Walgrave iiij li. Item, to Stafforde v li. Item, to Greenacre iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Skotte v li. Item, to Coupledicke iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Outrede iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, to Markham liij s. iiij d. Item, to Robert Pullen xl s. Item, to John Dyer iiij li. Item, to Thomas Raggett iiij li. Item, to the laundres liij s. iiij d. Item, to William Payne iiij li. Item, to John Bolton xl s. Item, to John Cliff[d] vj li. Item, to Richard Campion liij s. iiij d. Item, to Water Coppinger iiij li. Item, to Grout[e] iiij li. Item, to John

[a] Richard Hampden, servant to the Bishop of Winchester, with whom he hath continued these sixteen years; of the age of 40, or thereabout (in 1551).

[b] This gentleman's baptismal name was Bassingbourne, as appears by his signature as a witness to the codicil. He was of a distinguished family in Norfolk; in which the name of Bassingbourne was continued for several generations. A baronetcy conferred on Sir William Gawdy of West Harling in 1663, became extinct with his grandson, the last Sir Bassingbourne, in 1723.

[c] Philip Paris, esquire, of Linton, in the county of Cambridge, of the age of 59, or thereabout (in 1551). "From the time that the said Bishop of Winchester was made bishop until these ten years past he was servant to the said bishop." He was with the bishop at Paris in his embassy in 1537. "This deponent's son had certain leases of the Bishop of Winchester, wherein this deponent is jointly joined with him." He was knighted at the coronation of Queen Mary, and died in March 1557-8: see Machyn's Diary, pp. 168, 335.

[d] John Clyffe, of the age of 33 years (1551). "He hath been the Bishop's servant these seventeen years or more, and is at this present; having liij s. iiij d. wages, and livery, and xl s. annuity out of the bailiwick of the Clink."

[e] Thomas Crowte, servant to the Bishop of Winchester, with whom he hath dwelt nine years come Shrovetide next (1551); of the age of 41 or thereabout: "having liij s. iiij d. yearly wages and livery; and hath given him by the said bishop the reversion of a lease of a mill, wherein yet are about eighteen years to come." He and John Davy (next mentioned) accompanied the bishop (as yeomen of his chamber) to his prison in the Tower of London,

Davye[a] iiij li. Item, to Humfrey Melichepe iiij li. Item, to Platting iiij s. iiij d. Item, to Warner iiij li. Item, to Robert Badforde iiij li. Item, to Roger Lowell iiij li. Item, to John Poullye xl s. Item, to Robert Alexaunder iiij li. Item, to Pierro Janell xl s. Item, to Thomas Cooke xl s. Item, to Martyn Harrye xl s. Item, to William Smythe xl s. Item, to Thomas Cawston xl s. Item, to John Dering xl s. Item, to olde Anthonny iiij li. vj s. viij d. And my mooste humble sute is unto the Quene's Majesties mooste excellent goodnes to be somuche my good graciouse ladye as to cause this my last will and testament to be fulfilled and performed. And, for the performaunce of this my wille I ordayne, constitute, and make by thies presentes my Lorde Mountacute, my Lord of Elie,[b] my Lorde of Lincoln,[c] Mr. Controller of the Quene's Majesties house,[d] Sir Francis Inglefeelde,[e] Mr. James Basset,[f] Mr. Harding[g] my chaplayn and Thomas Thwaites, my fulle and hole executours, praying them to take the payne to se this my will in all poinctes observed and kept according to my meanynge. In witnes wherof I have to thies presentes put my hande and seale the viijth daye of Novembre, Mvc lv. Sye. Winton. Canc. Furthermore I will that all thinges

where Crowte fell sick about six or seven weeks after his coming, and was replaced by William Coppinger.

[a] John Davy, of the age of 35 years, had been continually in attendance on the bishop in the Tower of London for one year within six days at the time of his examination in 1551. He "hath iiij s. iiij d. wages, meat, drink, and livery; and he hath had certain advantages, as the reversion of Tracy, which he hath sold."

[b] Thomas Thirlby. [c] John White, translated to Winchester 1556.

[d] Sir Robert Rochester, K.G.

[e] Master of the court of wards and liveries, and a privy councillor: see note in Narratives of the Reformation, p. 95.

[f] James Basset, gentleman, servant to the Bishop of Winchester, with whom he hath continued twelve years, of the age of 24 years or thereabouts (1551). He accompanied Jacques Wingfield to solicit the Duke of Somerset for his master's release. "He hath four pounds wages, and livery; fourteen pounds annuities, videlicet, four pounds out of the manor of Taunton, and ten pounds out of the lordship of Eastmere."

[g] Probably Thomas Harding, the opponent of Bishop Jewell. After having been chaplain to the Protestant Duke of Suffolk (the father of Lady Jane Grey) he became a prebendary of Winchester, and treasurer of Salisbury in the reign of Mary; and died an exile at Louvaine in 1572. See Wood's Athenæ Oxon. (edit. Bliss.) i. 402.

contayned in my last wille shall stand in streingth, this clause hereafter expressed being added thereunto, that ys to say, yf it shall fortune any goodes or chattalles of myn to remayn in th'andes of myne executours, the said legacies paide and my debtis and funeralles discharged, then I will the same overplus or surplusage shalbe bestowed and employed in manner and fourme following, that is to say, for and towardes the reliefe of my porest servauntes and yomen whome myn executours, or the more parte of them, shall think meetest to be releved, or uppon almouse to poore people, whereas myn executours, or the more parte of them, shall thinke meete, or for and towarde the buylding, establishing, or furniture of anny relligiouse or ecclesiasticall house or place now being or that herafter shalbe erected, where I may be prayed for, or to suche other godlye purposes as myn executours, or the more parte of them, shall thincke meete and convenient; all whiche clause I will shalbe taken as parte of my last will and testament. In the ixth of November, in the yere of our Lorde God Mv^{c}lv, the reverende father in God Stephen Bishopp of Winchester plainely and willinglie confessed and pronounced this bill added unto his last will and testament to be a parte of the same in presence of diverse attending uppon hym, who in witnesse therof have subscribed their names the day and yere above mencyoned: *ita est*, FRA. KEMPE, BASSINGBOURNE GAWDYE, HENRY WALKER, doctor, OLIVER VACHELL, TEMPLE,[a] NICOLAS HOULDEN.

Proved "coram domino apud London," on the 28th day of January, 1557, by the oath of William Walker, notary public, proctor for the executours named, &c.

[a] John Temple, gentleman, was examined in the bishop's cause in 1551, and describes his attendance upon him to the Duke of Somerset's, when Gardyner was commanded to keep his own house at St. Mary Overies; and then said to him, "Temple, you must go hence; for I must not speak with you." But his first examination, which contained such particulars as are quoted in the previous notes, is wanting.

CARDINAL POLE, 1558.

Of this remarkable Will a very brief abstract only has been hitherto published in the Life of Cardinal Pole, by Thomas Phillips, 1764. 4to. "ex Cod. MS. Bibliothecæ Ambrosianæ."

In nomine Sanctissimæ Trinitatis, Ego, Reginaldus miseratione divina tituli Sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmedin Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ presbiter, Cardinalis Polus, Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, totius Angliæ primas et apostolicæ sedis legatus, per Dei gratiam compos mentis et memoriæ, licet corporis infirmitate detentus, cogitans me morbo presenti de via universæ carnis admoveri, et idcirco volens domui meæ disponere, habens testandi facultatem a fe. re.[a] Paulo Papa tertio, hoc testamentum meam ultimam voluntatem in se continens condo, facio et ordino in hunc qui sequitur modum: Inprimis, per gratiam Dei in ejus fidei sinceritate quam majores mei didicerunt et acceperunt a Sancta Romana Ecclesia omnium ecclesiarum magistra integer et indubius existens, cum omni humilitate commendo animam meam omnipotenti Deo, qui me creavit et redemit per Jesum Christum dominum nostrum, in cujus una sancta et catholica ecclesia et in ejus qui in apostolica sede presidet Romani pontificis obedientia profiteor me semper vixisse et mori velle. Quod ut facere possum utque per magnam Dei misericordiam et per merita Jesu Christi in eadem fide et obedientia usque ad finem perseverem, Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ et universæ ecclesiæ tam triumphantis quam militantis precibus adjuvari maxime opto et precor, cum timore et tremore meipsum ac meam respiciens indignitatem, sed de Dei misericordia et gratia ita confisus ut sperem et expectem redemptionem corporis mei et vitam eternam per Jesum Christum dominum nostrum, qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto est Deus benedictus in secula. Amen. A sanctissimo autem patre ac

[a] *i.e.* felicis recordationis.

domino nostro Paulo Papa iiij^to^, quem ante pontificatum semper ut patrem colui et cujus honori in ejus pontificatu secundum Deum semper fideliter inservivi, quemadmodum in omnibus actionibus et legationibus quas pro sede apostolica suscepi michi conscius non sum quicquam me unquam quæsisse præter Dei honorem et ejus ecclesiæ dignitatem et utilitatem, post pedum oscula beatorum paternam benedictionem cum omni reverentia peto, pacem et incolumitatem et omnem veram consolationem illi optans. Ejus autem sanctitati et cameræ apostolicæ, pro redemptione annuli et ceterorum quæ Cardinales morientes relinquere solent, remitto quicquid mihi ab eadem camera debetur tam ex provisionibus per suæ sanctitatis predecessores fe. re. Paulum tertium et Julium tercium ordinarie, necnon ratione ultimæ Anglicanæ legationis michi assignatis, quam propter alias extraordinarias expensas in hac eadem legatione per me factas, supplicans ut sanctitas ejus dignetur jubere ut ex hoc credito quod ad summam sex millium ducatorum et ultra ascendit, hoc tantum pro me solvatur quod certis officialibus curiæ in obitu Cardinalium de more dari consuevit. Corpus autem meum volo et ordino ut sepeliatur in mea ecclesia Cantuariensi in ea capella in qua caput Beatissimi Martyris Thomæ olim dictæ ecclesiæ Archiepiscopi asservabatur, ubi volo et ordino ut duæ constituantur Cantariæ in quibus duo sacerdotes, a capitulo ejusdem ecclesiæ successive eligendi et presentandi, ab Archiepiscopo qui pro tempore erit instituantur, qui perpetuo pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum orent missam ibidem alternis vicibus quotidie celebraturi, quod legitimis cautionibus et instrumentis perficere curabit heres et executor meus infrascriptus prout melius sibi videbitur expedire. Quoniam vero patrimonialia bona mihi non sunt quorum consanguineorum meorum rationem habere debeam, idcirco volens ea bona quæ habeo in pias causas et inter personas de me benemeritas distribui, Magnificum ac Reverendum dominum Aloisium Priulum[a]

[a] Pole is said to have contracted his friendship with Priuli when they were fellow students in the university of Padua: and the Venetian was afterwards his constant attendant. "The senate of Venice having named him among four, out of whom Paul III.

Patricium Venetum meum intimum amicum et familiarem, cujus summam in Deum pietatem et singularem erga me fidem et amorem viginti et eo amplius annis quibus mecum conjunctissime vixit perspectum et probatum habeo, dignum judicavi et elegi qui mihi in bonis meis succederet, et voluntatis meæ de illis integerrimus executor existeret, confidens pro ejus charitate et mutua nostra benevolentia eum hoc omnis non gravate suscepturum. Itaque bonorum meorum omnium immobilium et mobilium, seu catallorum, jurium, nominum, actionum, pecuniarum, suppellectilis cujuscunque generis et nominis tam in meos quam in domus, capellæ et ecclesiarum mearum usus paratæ, necnon victualium et proventuum quoscunque habeo vel habiturus sum et in summa quicquid tempore mortis meæ continget ad me spectare aut spectare debebit, dominiique et juris mei esse, vel quomodocunque ad meam dispositionem et facultatem pertinere, tam in Anglia quam extra, in Hispania et in Italia, Roma, et Venetiis, et alibi ubicunque ex quacunque causa et ratione seu concessione, universalem heredem meum dictum dominum Aloisium Priulum instituo eundemque hujus mei testamenti executorem constituo et ordino, qui præfata mea bona, justis prius funeris mei si qua erunt, necnon iis quæ supra ordinavi persolutis et peractis, per se vel alios ab ipso sibi etiam in articulo mortis substituendos in pias causas et inter personas tam meorum pauperum consanguineorum quam amicorum et familiarium seu servitorum meorum arbitrio suo distribuat et dispenset, dans et tribuens illi vel substituendis ab eo tam in rebus quam in earum distributione,

was to chose a successor to the Bishop of Brescia, the Pope nominated Priuli, with the greatest commendation of his virtue and abilities. But it was with extreme difficulty that his friends and relations prevailed on him to accept this reversionary grant, lest the incumbent's death, who was very old, should oblige him to separate himself from the legate. (Poli Vita, p. 37.) Thuanus reports that he refused the purple for the same reason. He survived his illustrious friend only twenty months, which he employed in collecting his effects which were dispersed in various places, and disposing of them with a fidelity equal to the confidence reposed in him." (Life of Reginald Pole, by Thomas Phillips, 4to. 1764, p. 212.) "All he would accept of so considerable an inheritance was two prayer-books, which the frequent use his friend had made of them had rendered valuable." (Ibid. p. 211.)

necnon si aliquid dubii ex hoc testamento oriri contingeret, in ejus interpretacione omnem eandem potestatem et amplam ac liberam facultatem quam ego ipse haberem et qua uti possem si vivens meæ mentis sententiam executioni demandarem usque ad plenam dispensationis hujusmodi et omnium præmissorum satisfactionem duraturam. Quapropter volo et ordino ut omnes et singuli ad quos aliquid de prædictis meis bonis ex dicti heredis et executoris mei dispensacione pervenerit, quantumcunque et qualecunque id fuerit, illud de manu et voluntate mea se accepisse agnoscant et reputent. Ac de his omnibus quæ hic ordinavi et specialiter de hac præfato heredi et executori meo commissa dispensatione volo et jubeo neminem penitus mortalium unquam ab eo vel ejus heredibus vel substitutis ab eo rationem quærere, nec eum vel eos ut rationem vel responsum super eo reddat seu reddant, aut si quid huic dispensationi reliquum penes eum vel eos permanserit præstet seu præstent quoquomodo aut quovis jure vel auctoritate astringi nisi quatenus sibi placuerit. Quod si quispiam querelam aut molestiam ullam de jure vel de facto in judicio vel extra contra eundem heredem et executorem meum vel substitutum aut substitutos ab eo attentare vel inferre presumpserit, volo si ex iis fuerit ad quos aliquid de prædictis meis bonis pervenerit aut pervenire potuerit, ut omne id quod per eum destinatum illi fuerit amittat, nisi ab eo condonetur. Si vero judex ut totum illud in quo condemnari aut molestari contingat eidem legatum et donatum a me censeatur, prout ex nunc lego et dono quemadmodum etiam lego et dono eidem eam dictorum meorum bonorum portionem quam ei pro se sumere placuerit, quanquam a me par est eum accipere cujus sincero atque explorato in me amori nihil me non debere sentio, quod ut libere faciat magnopere cupio ipsumque rogo. Si autem ut facilius et commodius hæc omnia peragat ope alicujus ex meis familiaribus uti voluerit, hanc ei in primis præstare poterit Henricus Pynnyng meus fidelis et charissimus Cubicularius et proventuum Receptor generalis, qui mearum rerum omnium statum plane novit. Pro dilapidacionibus autem non est cur successor meus in ecclesia Cantuariensi aliquid petat, cum in melioramentis

domorum ut liquido apparet his paucis annis quibus eidem ecclesiæ præfui plusquam mille libras expenderim. Hujus autem mei ita ordinati testamenti seu ultimæ voluntatis supervisores fautores et defensores ordino venerabiles fratres meos dominum Nicolaum Archiepiscopum Eboracensem Angliæ Cancellarium, et dominum Thomam Episcopum Eliensem, ac dilectum consanguineum meum dominum Edwardum Hastinges Regium Camerarium, dominum Johannem Boxall serenissimæ Reginæ Secretarium, dominum Edwardum Walgrave ducatus Lancastriæ Cancellarium, dominum Willielmum Cordell Regiorum rotulorum præfectum, et dominum Henricum Cole vicarium meum in spiritualibus generalem; rogans eos pro mutua inter nos benevolentia et charitate hoc ultimum officium mihi præstare ne graventur, ac præfato domino Aloisio heredi et executori meo in distributione per illum exequenda ut recte et expedite eam exequi possit assistant et illum consilio et opera adjuventur prout ab eo fuerint requisiti, et serenissimæ Reginæ nomine meo de hac mea postrema voluntate significent, supplicentque cum omni reverentia, ut qua benignitate et favore majestas ejus erga me viventem omnibus in rebus et racionibus meis usa est, eandem mortuo exhibere, atque ut hujus mei ita ordinati testamenti impedimenta quæcunque tollantur graciose providere dignetur. Pro hujus autem humanitatis et officii præstiti qualicunque agnitione volo singulis hujus mei testamenti supervisorum libras quinquaginta dari. Atque hoc assero esse meum testamentum et meam ultimam voluntatem et dispositionem, quam si tanquam testamentum non subsistat, volo codicillorum jure aut in vim cujuscunque alterius voluntatis et dispositionis valere, atque omnibus aliis hucusque per me conditis, quas irritas facio, prevalere. Actum Lambethæ prope Londinum Winton. Dioc. in manerio solitæ meæ residentiæ Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo octavo, die quarta Octobris, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christi patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina providentia papæ Quarti anno quarto, et regnorum Serenissimi Philippi Regis et serenissimæ Reginæ Mariæ quinto et sexto, præsentibus venerabili fratre meo Thoma Episcopo Assavensi ac discretis

viris Seth Hollando decano Wigorniensi, Mauricio Clenocke capellano et Johanne Francisco Stella auditore meis, testibus ad hæc per me specialiter vocatis et rogatis. In quorum fidem et testimonium hoc testamentum mea manu subscripsi sigillique mei appensione et testium suprascriptorum subscriptione communiri feci. *Sub hoc autem testamento diversis plane manibus formatæ subscriptiones apparebant*, Ego, Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus Archiepiscopus testator subscripsi. Ego, Thomas Assavensis, testis rogatus subscripsi. Ego, Seth Hollandus, testis rogatus subscripsi. Ego, Mauricius Clenocke, testis rogatus subscripsi. Ego, Jo. Franciscus Stella, testis rogatus subscripsi. *Sub plica vero sic scriptum habebatur*, Ego, Marcus Anthonius Faita Secretarius sigillum apposui. *Super plicam vero*, Dominicus Lampsonius scripsi.

Proved coram domino, at "Lambhieth" the 8th day of December, 1558, by the oath of Dominus Aloisius Priulus, &c.

In the margin.—Ult. Decembr. 1569. A commission of administration to Lady Katherine Countess of Huntingdon dowager (seniori), widow,[a] next of kin to the said Archbishop.

[a] The eldest daughter of Henry Pole, Lord Montecute, the Cardinal's brother, wife of Francis Earl of Huntingdon, who died in 1544.

ELIZABETH DUCHESS OF NORFOLK, 1558.

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, became the second wife of Thomas Howard third Duke of Norfolk in 1512, and was the mother of the poet Surrey, of Mary Duchess of Richmond, and of Lord Thomas created Viscount Bindon. She lived on bad terms with her husband; and a memoir of her, containing the particulars of her family troubles, chiefly derived from her own letters, will be found in the Gentleman's Magazine for March 1845. The letters are also printed at length in Miss Wood's Collection, 1846.

In the name of God, Amen. The last daye of November, in the yere of oure Lorde God a thousande five hundred fiftie and eighte, I Elizabeth Duchesse of Norfolk, beinge sicke and diseased in my bodye, but yet of good and perfite memory and remembraunce, thankes be to God, ordeyne and make this my testament and last will in maner and fourme folowinge: Furst, I comytt and bequeth my sowle to Almightie God, to oure lady Seynt Marye, and to all the blessed companye of heaven; and my bodie I will shalbe buried in the parishe churche of Lambeth,[a] and I will that there shalbe bestowed on my funeralles xxv li. by the discretion of myne executour. Also I give and bequeth to my suster Stafforde[b] all my apparell and yewrye stuff, except that whiche I have given to my Lady Dacres[c] and her ij. doughters, whiche is recited in a bill wherof my Lady Dacres hath a copie, all which parcelles of stuffe

[a] Her poetical epitaph at Lambeth was written by her brother Henry Lord Stafford, and is printed in the History of Surrey and in various other places. There is an effigy of her on the Duke's monument at Framlingham, engraved in the Gentleman's Magazine as above.

[b] Ursula, wife of her brother Henry Lord Stafford, daughter of Sir Richard Pole by Margaret daughter of George Duke of Clarence.

[c] Elizabeth daughter of George Earl of Shrewsbury, and wife of William Lord Dacre of Gillesland. Who her "ij. daughters" here mentioned were cannot be decided, as she had five, all married. Her three granddaughters, the coheiresses of the family, were subsequently all married to the Howards. See Banks's Dormant and Extinct Baronage, 1808, ii. 142.

conteyned in the saide bill I give to my saide Lady Dacres and her ij. doughters by this my last will. Also I give and bequeth to my Lordes grace the Duke of Norfolke[a] my greater tablettes, and to my ladyes grace his wife my gowne of crymysyne velvete, and to my lorde Thomas my sonne[b] a cuppe of silver and gilte with the cover. Also I give and bequeth to my Lady Margarett Hawarde[c] ij. gownes of taffeta, and to my sister Stafforde my best Frenche hood; and to Mistres Elizabeth Wotton a newe Frenche hood and an old Frenche hode; and to Mistres Seyntlowe a newe Frenche hode and the silver cuppe with cover that I use to drynke of. Also I give and bequeth to Nicholas Cobley my best grey geldinge. All the rest of my goodes, catalles, and debtes movable and immovable I give and bequeth to my Lorde Stafforde my brother, whome also I do ordeyne, constitute, and make my faithfull and sole executour to execute and perfourme this my last will and testament for the healthe of my sowle. Also I give and bequeth to my sister Stafforde my best sadle, with the cover of velvett, and all that belongith therto. These beinge witnesse,— By me ANTHONY FORTESCUE, by me JOHN KNYGHT, clerke, per me ROBERTUM SUTTON notarium publicum.

Proved before Master Walter Haddon, doctor of laws, &c. the 19th day of January, 1558, by Christr. Clerke, notary public, proctor of Henry Lord Stafford the executor in the will named.

[a] The Duke of Norfolk was her grandson. His (second) wife, in 1558, was Margaret daughter and sole heiress of lord chancellor Audley.

[b] Afterwards created Viscount Bindon in 1559.

[c] Apparently her granddaughter, the third and youngest daughter of the late Earl of Surrey. She became wife of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton.

FRANCES DUCHESS OF SUFFOLK.

The sole purport of this will of Frances Duchess of Suffolk, the mother of Lady Jane Grey, is to place all her property unreservedly in the hands of Adrian Stockes: upon whom she had bestowed her hand, he being previously her master of the horse. She died on the 21st Nov. 1559, twelve days after the execution of her will.

In the name of God, Amen. I ladye Fraunces Duches of Suffolke, wife to Adryane Stockes esquyer, considering howe uncerteyn the howre of deathe is, and how certeyne ytt ys that every creature shall dye when ytt shall please God, being sicke in bodie but hole in mynde, thankes be to Almightie God; and considering with my self that the said Adrian Stockes my husbande is indebted to dyvers and sundrye persones in greate somes of money, and also that the chardge of my funeralles, if God call me to his mercye, shalbe greate chardges to hym, mynding he shall have, possesse, and enjoye all goodes, catalles, as well reall as personall, as all debtes, legacies, and all other thinges whatsoever I may give, dispose, lymytt, or appoynt by my last will and testament for the dischardge of the saide debtes and funeralles, do ordeyne and make this my present last will and testament, and do by the same constitute and make the saide Adryane Stockes my husbande my sole executor to all respectes, ententes, and purposes. In wytnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hande and seale the ixth daye of November, in the furst yere of the reigne of our soveraigne ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God quene of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faythe, &c. Fraunces Suffolke.

Sealed and delyvered in the presence of these under wrytten: Roberte Wyngfelde, Edmund Hall, Frauncis Bacon, and Robert Cholmeley.

Proved before the keeper of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 28th of November, 1559, by the oath of Justinian Kidd, proctor of Adrian Stockes.

SIR THOMAS GRESHAM, 1575.

The reader will not be sorry to see an entire copy of the last will of one of London's most eminent citizens and greatest public benefactors, although great part of it has been already published, in detached portions, in Mr. Burgon's Life of Gresham, 8vo. 1839. It was written entirely by his own hand, and is copied *literatim*.

In the name of God, 'Amen. The fourth day of July in the seaventene yere of oure souvereyen lady Elyssabethe, by the grace of God quene of Inglond, France, and Ireland, deffeander of the faith, &c. and in the yere of oure lorde God 1575, I Sir Thomas Gresham, knighte, calling to minde howe certteyne it is that all mankinde shall leve and departe ought of this transsitorye lieffe, and how uncerteyne the tyme and mannor thereof is, and for dispossinge of siche goodes as it haithe pleassed Almighttie God to make me posseas in this worlde in soche wysse as the same maye be to Godes glorye and to the quyeat of soche as after my death shalbe intiteled to have the same withe ought contencion, doe therefore macke and declare my teastament and last will in manner and forme folloinge. First, I bequeathe my sowle to Almyghttie God my Creator and Redeemer, trustinge by the meritts onely of Cristes passion and death to be saved. My boddy I doe bequeathe to the yerthe, to be burryead in S[t] Tellyns in the parrishe that I doo now dwele in, in soche wysse as seame good by the discreassione of my welbeloved wyffe my sole executrixe. And I geve and bequeathe to my welbeloved wiffe the lady Ann Gresham,[a] towardes the paymentes of my deates and for the perfformans of this my last will, all my hoole goodes, as reddy

[a] Anne, daughter of William Ferneley, gent. of West Creting in Suffolk, and eldest sister to Jane wife of Sir Nicholas Bacon the Lord Keeper. She had been married first to William Read, esq. citizen and mercer of London, who died in 1544. She died Nov. 23, 1596, having had issue by Sir Thomas one child only, Richard Gresham, who died in 1564, when about sixteen years of age. By her former husband she was mother of Sir William Read, knighted in 1603, whose son Sir Thomas Read married Lady Mildred Cecill, daughter of the Earl of Exeter, and granddaughter of the great Lord Burghley.

monny, playte, jeuellis, chaynes of golde, with all my stocke of shepe and other cattayle that I have wythe in the realme of Inglonde. Item, I geve and bequeathe to my preantysse William Gilbert fourtie poundes. To my prentysse Phillipe Celye fourtie poundes. To my preantysse John Smythe fourtie poundes. To my preantisse Phillipe Gilmor fortye poundes. To my servaunt John Yonge twentie poundes, and tenne poundes a yere as longe as he dothe tary wythe my wyffe. To John Lawreans my steward twentie poundes. To Gilles tenne poundes, and five poundes a yere as longe as he doth tarry withe my ladye. To Guilliam my horsse kippar tenne powndes, and five poundes a yere as longe as he taryethe and dewllyth with my ladye; and to every of my servauntes then being in my howsse fyve poundes. To Thomas Mausson twentie poundes in monny, and tenne poundes a yere as long as he doth lyve. To Margeat Feryneley one hundreathe poundes to be paide at here daye of mariage.[a] To my cowssyn Nowell fourtie poundes, and tenne poundes a yere as longe as he tarythe and dwellythe withe my wiffe. To my cowssyn —— Elliot fiftie poundes to here mariage. To one hundread powre men eache of them a good blacke gowen of six shillinges eight pence the yarde. To one hundread powre women one hundreathe blacke gowens of six shillinges eight pence the yarde, for to bringe me to my grave. To my cowssyn Cissley Ciolle[b] one hundreathe powndes in monny. And to this my last will I do ordeyne my welbelovyd wiffe dame Anne Gresham to be my sole executrix, and my overseers Sir Lyonell Duckatt[c] knight, Edmund Hogan, Thomas Celie, and Philipp Schudamore, and Mr. Justice Manwood.[d] And I doe give

[a] His niece Margaret, daughter of Thomas Ferneley, of West Creting, gent. was married first to Thomas Parkyns, and secondly to Israel Forth, both of Hadleigh.—Davy's Suffolk Pedigrees, Addit. MSS. Brit. Mus. 19,129.

[b] Cecily, fifth daughter of Sir John Gresham, Lord Mayor of London 1547, (uncle to Sir Thomas,) and widow of German Cioll, a Spanish merchant, who resided at Crosby-place in Bishopsgate-street. See further of her in Burgon's Gresham, i. 420, ii. 455.

[c] Sir Lionel Duckett, mercer, Lord Mayor in 1573.

[d] Sir Roger Manwood, Justice of the Common Pleas 1572.

to Sir Lyonell Dockatt for his paynnes one hundreath poundes. To Edmond Hogan one hundreathe poundes. To Thomas Cely one hundreathe poundes. To Philippe Schudamore twentie poundes. To Justice Manewood fyftie powndes: which I will have them paide all in one yeare. Also I geve to my nyce Ellserberthe Nevell[a] to her marriage the some of fyve hundreath poundes, to be paide at the daye of her mariage one hundreth poundes, and so everie yere aftyr one hundreath poundes till the some of fyve hundred poundes be fully payd. Also I geve to my nyce —— Nevell[b] to be paide at her daye of mariage three hundred poundes, so that she mary not afore she be fifteneth yeares of ayge. And to Harry Nevell at his ayge of twentithe yf he doe lyve so long one hundred poundes; and to every of his sonnes had by my brother's dawghter[c] one hundreath poundes at the yeres of twentith yf they do lyve so longe. In wittnes hereof I the saide S[r] Thomas Gresham have written this my last will with myne owne hand and seatto my seayle the daye and yere above written. By me THOMAS GRESHAM.

This is the last will written and dispossicyon of me SIR THOMAS GRESHAM of the Cittie of London, knight, concerninge all my mannors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes mencioned and conteyned in one Indenture quadrapartite maid betwene me the said Sir Thomas Gresham and Dame Anne my wief one th'one parttie, and Phillip Scuddamore, geant., and Thomas Celey on the other parttie, dattid the twentith daye of Maye in the seavententh yere of the reigne of oure sovereigne ladie quene Elizabeth. First, concerning the billdings in London called the Royall Exchaunge, and all pawnes and shopes, cellors, vautes, maseuages, tennements, and other whatsoever myne hereditamentes perssell or adjoyninge to the

[a] Sir Thomas Gresham's niece Elizabeth, the only child of Sir John Gresham, had married Sir Henry Neville of Billingbere, co. Berks; the ancestor of Lord Braybrooke. She had died in 1573, and the niece to whom this legacy was given was her daughter.

[b] Catharine, sister to the preceding.

[c] Sir Henry Neville had four sons by Elizabeth Gresham, Henry, Edward, Francis, and William.

said Royall Exchaunge, I will and disposse that after expiracion and determinacione of the particular usses, estates, and intereast for lyffe and entaill thereof limitted in the saide Indenttour beringe date the twentith of Maye, I will and disposse that one moyettie thereof shall remaine and the usse thereof shalbe unto the Maior and Comonalltie and Citizeans of London, by whatsoever espeassiall name or addicione the same corporacion is made or knowen, and to there successors for terme of fyveftie yeres then next ensuinge, uppon truste or confideans and th'entent that the doe perfforme the paymentes and other intentes in theis presseantes herafter lymitted thereof bye them to be dowen and perfformed. And the other moietie of the saide billdinges called the Royall Exchaunge, pawens, shopes, sellors, vautes, messuages, tenemenntes, and other mynne hereditamentes, with the appurtenances thereunto adjoyning, shall remayen and the usse thereof shalbe to the wardeans and comonaltie of the misterie of the Mercers of the cittie of London, viz. to the corporat boddye and corporacione of the company of Mercers in London, by whatsoever especiall name or addicione the same corporacion is made or knowen, and to theire successors for terme of fyvetie yeres next ensewinge, uppon truste and confideans and to th'entent that the doe performe the paymentes and other intentes in thes presseans hereafter lymitted thereof by them to be donne and perfformed. And I will and disposse that after soche tyme as the one moietie of the saide Royall Exchaunge and other premisses, accordinge to th'entent and meyninge of this presseans, shall come to the saide maior and corporacione of the saide city, and from thence so longe as they and theire successors shall by annye meynnes or tittle have, houlde, or enjoye the same, they and theire succeassors every yere shall geve and distribute to and for the sustentacione, maintenaunce, and finding fowr perssons, from tyme to tyme to be chossen, nomynattid, apointtid, by the saide maior and comenaltye and cittizeans and there successors, meate to reade the lectures of Devinitie, Astronymy, Musicke, and Geometrye, within my owen dwellinge howsse in the parrishe of St. Hellyn's in Bishopegate streate and in St. Petter's the power in the

cite of London (the moyetie whereof hereafter in this my last will is by me limitted and dispossed unto the saide maior and comenaltie and citizeans of the saide cittey) the some of towe hundread powndes of lawfull monny of Ingland in mannor and forme folloinge, videlicet, to everie of the saide readders for the time beinge the some of fiftie poundes of lawfull monny of Englande yerly for there sallaries and styppendes mete for fower sufficientlye lerned to read the saide lectures. The same stypeandes and salaryes and everie of them to be paide at twoe usuall termes in the yere yerely, that is to saye, at the festes of th'annunciation of St. Mary the Virgine and of St. Michell th'arckeangell by even porcions to be paide; and further that the saide maior and comenaltie and citizeans of the saide cittie, and there successors, from thenceforth and so longe as they and there successors shall by anny meynes have, hold, or enjoy the saide moytie before in theisse presseantes to them disposead, shall give and distribute the some of fiftie-three poundes, six shillinges, eight pence of lawfull monny of Englond yerely in mannor and forme followinge, viz. unto eight almes folkes whom the sayd mayor and comenaltie and cytezeans or there successors shall appointe to inhabite my eight almeshowsses in the said parishe of St. Peeter's the powre, to everee of them the saide almefolkes the some of six poundes, thirtene shillinges, and foure pence, to be paide at fower ussall termes in the yere yerely, that is to saye, at the feaste of St. Michell th'arckeangell, the nativitie of our Lorde God, th'annunciation of the blessed Virgin Marye, and nativitie of St. John Baptist, by even porssiones; and further that the saide mayor and comenaltie and citizeans of the saide cittie, and there successors, from theansforth and so longe as they and theire succeassors shall bye anny meynnes have, houlde, and enjoy the saide moyettie before in thes presseans to them dispossid shall geve and distribute as the almes afforssayd to the releffe of the powre perssons and pryssoners in the prisons and plasses called or knowen by the names of Newgate, Ludgate, the Kinges Benche, the Marshalsey, and Cowenter nowe kepte in Wode streat, and wheresoever the same pryssone hereafter shalbe kepe, fyveftie poundes

lawfull monny of Englond, in monny or other provissione and neasseassaryes for them, viz. to everye of the same fyve pryssones or places teynne powndes at the foure ussall feastes or termes of paymentes of reant within the same cite of London most accostomed, or within eight and twentith daies next after, by even porssyones. AND AS CONCERNINGE th'other moietie before in this my present last will dispossed to the saide wardeans and comenalty of the corporacion of the Mercers, I will and disposse that after soch time as the same moyetie, accordinge to th'entent and meaninge of thes preassans, shall come to the saide wardeans and corporacion of the Mercers, and from theansforth so longe as they or there successors shall bye annye meynnes or title have, holde, and enjoye the same, that they and there successors every yere yerely shall give and paye and distribute to and for the findinge, sustentacione, and mayntenaunce of thre perssones, by them the saide wardens and comenaltie and there successors from tyme to tyme to be chosen and appointed, meate to reade the lectures of Lawe, Phisicke, and Rhethorick, within my nowe dwelling house in the parishe of St. Hellen's in Bishopegate streate and St. Petter's the poore in the saide cittie of London (the moyty whereof hereaftir in this my preasant last will is by me appointed and disposead unto the saide corporacion of the Mercers) the some of one hundread and fiftie poundes of lawfull money of Englande, in maner and forme followinge, viz. to everye of the said reders for the time being the some of fiftie poundes for theire salaries and stypendes, mete for three sufficiently learned to red the saide lectures at twoe usuall tymes in the yeare, that is to saye, at the feast of th'annunciacion of the blessed Virgyne Mary and of St. Mychell th'arckangell, by even porcions to be paide; and that the saide wardeans and corporacion of the Mercers and theire successors, from thenceforth and so longe as they and there successors shall bye annye meynnes have, holde, or enjoye the said moyte beffore in theisse presseans to them dispossid, shall yerely bestowe and expeand one hundrerd powndes of lawfful monny of Englande, in manor and forme followinge, that is to saye, severally at fower severall tymes in

the yere in and aboute the expences and charges of a fest or dynnar for the holle companye of the same corporacione, to be had and made in the Mercers' hall in the saide cittie of London at and in every theire quartter daye, the some of twentie-five poundes; and that, fordyr, the saide wardeans and corporacione of the Mercers and there successors from thens forthe, and soe longe as theye and there successors shall bye enny meynnes have, holde, or enjoye the saide moite beffore in theisse presseans to them dispossid, shall every yere geve and distribute to the relyffe of the powre perssones and prys-soners in the hospitalles, prissons, and plasses called or known by the name of the hospitales of Crist or Cristchurche late the Grey Fryers in London, the hospitall of St. Berttillemew's nere Smythefild in London, the Spittell at Beadlam nere Bishopegate streate, the hospitall for the powre in Sowthewarke, and the Countter now kept in the Powlttrye, and wheresoever the same prissions hereafter shalbe kepe, fyveftie poundes of lawfull monney of Englande in monny or other provissiones and neassessaryes for them, viz. to every of the saide five hospitalles, prissons, or places teynne poundes, at fower most usuall feastes or termes of payment of reant within the cittie of London accustomed, or within eight and twentith dayes next aftir, by even porcions. AND AS TOWCHINGE my eight almes-howsses scituate in the parrish of St. Petter's the poore at the back-side of the saide mansion howsse in the saide citie of London, I will and dispose that after th'expiracion, end, and determinacion of the particular usses, estates, and interestes for liffe and entaile thereof limited in the saide indenture quadrapartite dated the twentith of Maye, that the same eight almes howsses shall remayen and the usse thereof shalbe unto the saide mayor and comenaltye and citizeans of the saide cite of London and there successors, for and dewringe the terme of fyvettie yeres from thens next folloinge fully to be complet and endded, upon trust and conffidence and to th'entent that they doe perfforme the paymentes and other ententes in theise pressentz hereafter limitted thereof by them to be don. And my truste and confidence, will, entent and menyng is that they the said

maior and comonaltye and citizeans and there successors, after such tyme as the same almes howsses shall be vertew of this my preassant last will come unto them the said mayor and comonaltie and citizeans or to there successors, and from time to time alwayes so longe as they or there successors shall have, holde, or enjoye the same by anny tittell or meynnes, shall playsse or put eight poure and impotent personnes into the saide eight almes howsses, viz. into every one of the said almes howsses one personne, and shall from tyme to time suffer the said eight personns that shalbe soe by them or there successors there plaissed and put, to have, occupye, and injoye the same with owght anny fynne, reant, or other thinge yelded therefore; and shall allso paye unto every of the saide persons that so shalbe by them plassyd and put into the saide almes howsses the some of six poundes thirtene shillinges, four pence, of lawfull monny of Englande in mannor and forme beffore in thes presseans expressyd. AND AS CONCERNING my said manssione howsse with the garden, stabills, and all and singular other the appurtenances in the saide parishe of St. Hellens in Byshopegatt streatt and St. Petters the powre in the cittie of London, I will and dispose that after the end, determinacion, or exspiracion of the perticular estatz, ussis, interest, and entailes thereof limettid by the said indenture quadrupartted dated the saide xxth day of Maie, the same my saide manssione howsse, garden, stabels, and other the appurtenances shall remayen and the usse thereof shalbe to the maior and comonaltie and citizeans of the saide cittie of London, by whatsoever name or addicion the same is maid or knowen, and to theire successors, and also to the wardeans and comonaltie of the misterye of the Mersserye of the cittye of London, viz. to the corporat boddy and corporacione of the Mercers of London by whatsoever name or adicione the same corporacion is maid or knowen; to have and to holde in comen for and duringe the terme of fyveftie yeres from theans next following full to be compleat and eanded; uppon trust and conffideans that they observe, perfforme and kepe my will, intent, and meaninge hereafter in thes presseantz expressed. And my will, intent, and menyng is, that the said maior and como-

nalite and citizeans and their successors, and that the saide wardeans and comonaltie of the Mercers and there successors, after soch time as the saide mansionne howsse, garden, and other appurtenances shall by vertew of thes preassans come unto them, and from thens forthe so longe as they and there successors or enny of them shall[a] have, holde, or enjoye the same by enny tittill or meynnes, shall permitt and suffer seaven persons, by them from time to time to be elleacted and appointed in manner and forme aforesaide, meat and sufficiently learned to read the saide seaven lectures, to have the occupacion of all my saide mancion howsse, gardens, and of all other th'appurtenaunces, for them and everie of them there to inhabite, studdie, and dayly to read the severall lectures. And my will is that nowen[a] shalbe chossen to read enny of the saide lectures so longe as he shalbe mared, nor be suffered to read enny of the said lectures after that he shall be married, neither shall receive enny fee or stippeant appointted for the reading of the said lectures. And moreover I will and disposse that yf the said maior and comonaltie, viz. the chief corporacion of the saide cittie, and the said wardeans and comonaltie of the Mercers, viz. the corporacion of the Mercers of the cittie afforesaid, beffore the eand of the said fiftie yeres to them in forme aforesaid limited, shall procuer and obtayen sufficyeant and lawfull dispensaciones and liceanssis, warraunt and autoritte had and obtaynned, shall have and enjoye the said Royall Exchange, mesuages, shopes, pawnes, vaultes, howssis, and all other the premisses with th'appurtenansses for ever, severally by soche moitties, rates, and other porciones, and in soche manner and forme as beffore in thes presseans is limeted, apon trust and confidens and to th'entent that they severally for ever shall doe, mayntaine, and perfforme the paymentz, charges, and other ententes and menynges thereof, before limetted and expressed, according to the entent and trewe meaning of thes preseantz. And that I doe require and charge the saide corporaciones and cheife governors thereof, with circumspect dillegeans and with owght longe delaye, to procure and soe to be donne and ob-

[a] no one.

taynnyd as the well[a] aunswhere for the same before Almyhtie God; for yf they or enny of them shulld necleact the obtayning of soch lysseans or warraunt, (wiche I trust cannot be difficulte nor so chargeable but that the ovyer plus of my reantz and proffytes of the premissis herein before to them dispossed will sone recompeans the same, becausse to soe good pourpos in the comon welthe no prince nor conssiell in anny age will denye or deffeat the same; and if convenieantly by my will or other conveyans I might assewre it, I wolde not leve it to be donne after my deathe,) then the same shall reverte to the right heires, whereas I doe meynne the same to the comon wele; and then the deffaute thereof shalbe to the reproche and condemnacion of the said corporacions afore God. AND FURTHER, in consideracion that soch charges of wardeshipe, liverye, and primier seazon as by my deathe shall forteton[b] to be dew to the Q. Matie of or for all my landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, according to the lawes and stattutes of the realme, shalbe paide and borne by Sir Henry Nevell, knight, and by the heires males which he hathe begotten on the boddy of Ellizaberthe his late wiffe decesed, dawghtter of my brother Sir John Gresham knight deceassyd, while she lyved my cowssyn and heire apparaunt, there heiers males, executours or assignes, I doe will and dispose, as concerning my mannour and mannours of Mayeffyld and Wardehurst with the appurtenances, and all my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the countie of Sussexe or ells where, ussyd or repeuttid or belonginge to the said mannor or mannors of Mayeffeld or Wardehurst, that after the expiracione and determinacion of the perticuler usses, estates, and intereast for lyffe and intayle thereof lymitted in the saide Indenture, the same shall remayen and the usse thereof shalbe unto my cowssin Sr Henry Nevill, and to the heieres males of Dame Ellserberthe his wyffe my nyce. And if my said cowssyn Sir Henry Nevill knight, or th'eires males begotten by my said nyce, shall not within certeyne time after my death beare or cause to be borne the charges of wardshipp, lyverye, or primier seazon, according to th'entent and mening

[a] they will. [b] fortune.

of thes presseantz, that then soche gyfte, limitacion, and disposicion as I have herein maid to my said cowssyn Nevell, and the heieres males of my nyces boddy, shalbe utterly void to all entents and powrpos, and if they and every of them had not bynne meancyoned in this preassantz. And then I will and disposse that the same premysses at Mayeffyld and Wardehurst affore saide or to the same belonginge shall remayen and the usse thereof shalbe in soch sorte as the residew here after limitted shall bey. AND AS CONCERNINGE all the ressidew of all and singgeular my mannours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes whatsoever they be, after the expiracione and determinacione of the pertticuler usses, estatz, and interest for yeres, lieffe, or enttayle thereof lymitted in the said indentter and in thes preassantz, I doe will and disposse that the same shall remayen and that the use thereof shall be unto my saide faithefull loving wiffe Dame Ann Gresham and to here heiers and assigns for ever, and she to usse and disposse the same at here pleasseur as she shall thinke meate and convenyeant, requiring amonges all other thinges that all my deatz, legacys, and other deutties whatsoever by me dew, geven, limitted, or bequeathed to anny perssone, or with hold from any persson, shall be fully perfformid satisffyead and paid and recompenssed, as the case in lawe, right, equittie, or conscience shall require. In wyche behalffe I doe holly put my trust in herr, and have no dowght but she will accomplishe the same accordingly, and all other thinges as shalbe requisite or exspedieant for bothe our honnesties, fames, and good repportes in this transsitory world, and to the proffitt of the comen well, and relyffe of the carffull and trewe powre, according to the pleasseur and will of Allmyghttye God, whome to be all honnor and glorye for ever and ever! Amen. In wyttnes whereof, I the saide Sir Thomas Gresham have written this will all with my owen hande, and to each of the eight leves have subscribed my name, and to a labell fixead thereunto all the eight leves have seatto my seale with the gressopper, the fiveth daye of Julye in the sevententh yere of the reyne of our souverayne Ladye Queen Ellysaberthe, and in the yere of our Lorde God 1575. By me THOMAS GRESHAM. Wit-

nesses to thys last will and testament of the said Sir Thomas Gresham, the persons whose names be subscribed. PH. SCUDAMORE, THOMAS BILLINGFORD, HENRY NOWEL. *Ex^r^*. R. MANWOOD.

[Registered woord for worde according to the originall or copy remayning in Registrario.]

Proved at London before Master Wm. Drury, LL.D. on the 26th day of the month of November, 1579, by the oath of Christopher Robinson, notary public, proctor of the said Lady Anne, the relict and executrix in the will named.

This will is remarkable for having been entered in the register carefully in the spelling of the original, which was written by the testator himself. The original is not in the registry of the Prerogative Court; but the register book has been compared with the first copy there deposited on record, and the spelling has been found, "word for word," to coincide.

The arms of Sir Thomas Gresham are drawn in the Register (Bacon 47) in the margin of the will: viz. Argent, a chevron ermine between three mullets pierced sable; impaling, Or, on a bend vert three buck's heads caboshed argent, attired of the field, for Ferneley.

SIR FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, 1590.

In the name of God, Amen. The twelveth daye of December in the twoe and thirtithe yere of the raigne of oure most gratious soveraigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of England, France, and Ireland, deffender of the faithe, &c. I Frauncis Walsingham, knighte, princypall secretarye unto her Majestie, beinge of good and perfect memorye (praised be Allmightie God therefore), do make, ordeyne, and declare this my last will and testamente in manner and forme folowing, that is to saye, First I bequeathe my soule, when yt shall please the Almightie God my Creator and Maker to seperate the same from this my moste synnefull earthelie and mortall bodie, to the holie Trinitye, God the father my Creator, God the sonne my onlye Redeemer, and God the holie ghoste the true Comforter; assuringe my selfe that Jesus Christe my true and onlye Savioure of his greate and infinite mercye and goodnes will vouchesafe not only to protecte and defende me duringe the tyme of my aboade here in this transitorye earthe with his moste mercyfull protection, especiallye in this tyme wherein synne and iniquitie doth so muche abounde, but allso in mercye to graunte unto me, by encrease of faith, strength and power to make a good and Christian ende in perfecte sence and memorye, and that my soule beinge seperated from this mortall bodie may and shalbe receyved into everlastinge glorye purchased by the death of the same true and onlye Savyoure Jesus Christe. And I will that my bodie, in hope of a joyfull resurrection, be buryed without any suche extraordynarie ceremonyes as usuallye apperteyne to a man servinge in my place, in respect of the greatnes of my debtes, and the meane state I shall leave my wife and heire in; chardginge boath my executor and overseers to see this dulie accomplished accordinge to the speciall truste and confidence I repose in

them. Allso I will and give to my daughter the Lady Frauncis Sydney,[a] over and besides the annuitie of twoe hundred poundes which I have allreadie given her by speciall deede allreadie executed, one other annuitie of one hundred poundes to be paied unto her (in lieu of her thirdes of her late husband Sir Philipp Sidnies landes in Lincolneshire appoynted by me to be sould,) duringe the naturall life of Dame Ursula my welbeloved wife. Item, all my debtes and legacys beinge trulie paied, satisfyed, and perfourmed, the residue of all my goodes, chattells, plate, and jewells I do give unto Dame Ursula my moste welbeloved wife,[b] hopinge and assuringe my selfe that after the satisfyinge of all thinges (paieable by her as executor of this my laste will and testamente,) she will before or at such tyme as yt shall please God to call her out of this life leave and bequeathe all my leases, or so many of them as then shall remayne in her possession unsoulde and unexpired, or that she shall be pleased to convey, to the use of my foresaied doughter the Ladie Frauncys Sydney. And I do make and ordeyne the saied Dame Ursula my most kynde and lovinge wife my trustie sole and faithfull executor of this my laste will and testamente, referringe unto her in regarde of the truste I repose in her the whole and onlie interpretacion of suche doubtes and ambiguities as maye arise in the penninge of the saied will. Lastlie I desire my most lovinge bretheren Edward Carie,[c] Robert

[a] The only child of Sir Francis. Married to Sir Philip Sidney in 1584, and left his widow in 1586; remarried to Robert Earl of Essex, beheaded in 1600; and thirdly to Richard Earl of Clanricarde and St. Alban's. She had one daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1585, afterwards the wife of Roger Earl of Rutland: and who died without issue Sept. 1, 1612. See Collins's Memoirs of the Sidneys, Sidney Papers, vol. i. p. 113.

[b] Daughter of Henry St. Barbe, esq. of Ashington, co. Somerset, by Eleanor, daughter of Edward Lewknor, of Trotton in Sussex. She was married first to Richard Worsley, Captain of the Isle of Wight, who died 1565; secondly to Sir Francis Walsingham. She died 1602, and was buried in St. Paul's cathedral with her second husband. See the pedigree of St. Barbe in Hoare's South Wiltshire, Hundred of Frustfield, p. 10; and a notice in The Herald and Genealogist, 1862, vol. i. p. 78, of a conjoint pedigree of Walsingham and St. Barbe, now in the possession of G. F. St. Barbe, Esq.

[c] William Walsingham, father of Sir Francis, married Joice Denny; and she was remarried to Sir John Carey, K.B. His son, Sir Edward Carey, of Berkhampstead, co.

Beale,[a] and William Doddington, esquires,[b] (to every of whiche persons I bequeathe allso one peece of plate of tenne poundes price in token of my good affection towardes them,) to be the overseers of this my laste will and testamente, most earnestlye prayinge them with the beste councell, advice, and aide to helpe my executor in the execucion therof. In witnesse wherof to theise presentes I have subscribed my hande and name, and setto my seale, in the presence of those witnesses whose names are allso by them selves subscribed and set under this my presente laste will and testamente. Gyven and declared the daye and yere above written.

FRA. WALSINGHAM.

Memorandum that the will above written was found in a secrett cabinett of the above named Sir Francys Walsingham, knighte, late her Majesties principall secretarye, by us whose names be underwritten: Septimo Aprilis,[c] 1590, and the twoe and thirtithe yere of her Maties raigne. THOMAS HENEAGE, JOHN FORTESCUE, ROBERT BEALE, WILLIAM GERRARDE, JOHN JAMES, WILLIAM STUBBES, PETER PROBYE.

Proved at London before Master William Lewin, LL.D., &c. on the 27th day of May, 1590, by the oath of Master Anthony Lawe, notary public, proctor of the Lady Ursula Walsingham, relict and executrix in the will named.

Hertford, was father of the first Lord Falkland. After having been for many years a groom of the privy chamber, he was made master of the jewel-house, and knighted in 1596. He died July 16, 1618.

[a] Robert Beale, one of the clerks of the council, died 1601. He married Edith St. Barbe, who died in 1628, æt. 75, and was buried at Eastington, co. Glouc.

[b] William Doddington married Christiana, sister to Sir Francis Walsingham, and widow of John Tamworth. The testator's three overseers were thus his "bretheren," each in a different way.

[c] The next day after his death.

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, 1595.

Sir Francis Drake died on the 28th January following the execution of this will in his ship off the coast of South America. See a remarkable notice of his death in Whitelocke's Liber Famelicus, (Camden Soc. 1858,) p. 12.

In the name of God, Amen. The — daye of August in the yeare of our Lord God, according to the computation of the Church of England, one thowsande five hundred ninetie five, and in the seaven and thirtith yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce, and Irelande Queene, Defender of the Faithe, &c. Forasmuch as all men are borne to die, that the time of our departure out of this mortall life is most uncertaine, and for that we are here but stewardes for the time to dispose of such thinges as God hath lent us as maie be best for the glorie of His heavenlie majestie and the welfare of our owne soules, as well in consideration whereof as also for that I, Sir Francis Drake, of Bucklond, in the countie of Devon, knighte, am now called into action by her Majestie, wherein I am to hazard my life aswell in the defence of Christes Gospell as for the good of my prince and countrie; and for that I have an intent and meaneinge that not onelie such debtes as I owe should be truelie paide if God should call me before I returne out of th'action and her Majesties service now in hand, but also to give and dispose to divers of my frendes and servantes sondrie sommes of monie, goodes, and chattells, and to leave behinde me all thinges in a good and decent order, to th'intent noe controversie or discention shoulde after my decease arise or growe touchinge anie of my landes, tenementes, leases, and hereditamentes, plate, household stuffe, jewells, goodes, or chattells whatsoever, whereof I now stand possessed and seised; I, the said Sir Frauncis Drake, haveinge advisedlie considered of the premisses, being nowe in bodilie health and perfect minde and remembrance, thankes be given to Almightie God for the same, doe make this my testament conteininge herein my last will in manner and forme followeinge, viz.: first, I bequeath my soule to

Almightie God, my onelie Maker and Redeemer, and my bodie to the earth to be buried and intombed at the discretion of myn executours in this my testament hereafter to be nominated and appointed, at such time as it shall please God to call me to his mercie, in sure and certaine hope to rise againe to life eternall. Item, I give and bequeath to the poore people of the towne and parishe of Plymouth the somme of fortie poundes of lawful monie of England, twentie poundes whereof to be distributed to the poore people in the almes-house there by sixe poundes, thirtene shillinges, fouer pence yearelie, tenne poundes thereof to be distributed to the poore people in the Mawdlyn houses at Plymouth aforesaid by fiftie shillinges yeerlie, and tenne poundes residue to be distributed to other poore people of the saide towne and parishe by the discretion of the maior there for the time beinge and his bretheren (which saide fortie poundes after my debtes are satisfied to be paide by tenne poundes yerelie). Item, I give and bequeath to Dame Elizabeth my wife[a] all my furniture, goods, ymplementes, and houshold stuffe whatsoever standinge and beinge within the dores of my mansion-house of Bucklond (my plate and one cuppe of golde onelie excepted to be sould towardes the paiement of my debtes). And whereas I am nowe possessed of the milles of Plymouth, and by the maior and commonaltie of the said towne of Plymouth for tearme of dyvers yeares yet endureing and to come, as in and by the same lease more plainelie maie appeare; and of and in other milles named Widie milles lyinge and beinge neare Plymouth aforesaide; I doe hereby grante and devise, and my meaneing and intent is, towardes the better advancement of the joyneture of the saide Dame Elizabeth my wife, that my executours hereafter to be named shall graunte, demise, lease, and sett over within one quarter of a yeare next after my decease to the saide Dame Elizabeth my wife and her assignes all and singuler the milles of Plymouth aforesaide with two little closes lyinge neare and adjoyneing to the same milles, and the fore-

[a] Only daughter of Sir George Sydenham of Combe Sydenham, co. Somerset, knt. She was remarried to William Courtenay, esq.

saide milles called Widie milles, together with all customes, proffittes, and advantages whatsoever unto the same milles belonginge or appertenинge, for anie reasonable tearme of yeeres to be determineable uppon the life of the saide Dame Elizabeth, by the which lease soe to be made Dame Elizabeth shall covenant for her selfe, her executours and assignes, to and with my saide executours, and with the survivours and survivour of them, to paie such rent yearelie to the saide maior and commonaltie of the towne of Plymouth and theire successors, and to repaire the premisses in such sorte, as I by the saide originall deede am bounde to yelde, paie, make, and doe. And further my intent and meaneinge and will is that after the decease of the saide Dame Elizabeth my said executours and the survivours and survivour of them, shall graunte, lease, transferre, assigne, and sett over all and singular the foresaid milles with the saide closes of lande and appurtenances whatsoever, and all the interest, title, estate, and tearme of yeeres which shalbe then to come of and in the same, to my brother Thomas Drake, his executours, and assignes. Item, I doe give, graunte, lease, and demise to my brother Thomas Drake * and his assignes all that capitall messuage or tenement, with all houses, shoppes, sellors, gardens, yardes, backsides, commodities, and easementes whatsoever with th'appurtenances to the same messuage or tenement belonginge or in anie wise apperteininge, scituate lyinge and beinge in the High Streete within the borrowghe of Plymouth aforesaide, and now in the teanure or occupation of the saide Thomas Drake, his assignes or assignee, to have and to hould to the said Thomas Drake, his executours and assignes, ymediatlie from and after my decease, for and dureinge the tearme of fouer score and tenne yeeres then next followinge fullie to be compleate and ended, yf the saied Thomes Drake, Elizabeth his wife, and Frauncis and Elizabeth their children, or anie of them, so longe doe happen to live, yealding and payinge therefore yeerlie

* His brother Thomas was the father of Sir Francis Drake, created a Baronet in 1620: which dignity continued in the family until the death of Sir Francis-Henry the fifth and last Baronet in 1794.

fouer pence sterlinge at the feaste of Sainct Michaell the Archangell if the same be demaunded. Item, I give and bequeath to my servant Jonas Bodenham one hundred poundes sterlinge. Item, I give and bequeath to my servant William Spencer one hundred poundes of lawfull monie of England. Item, I give and bequeath to my servant Thomas Rattenburie fiftie poundes of like money. Item, I give and bequeath to my servantes George Hewes, George Doable, William Baker, Roger Pley, and to Dorothie the wife of Richard Lane, to each of them the somme of twentie poundes of like monie. Item, I give and bequeath to the residue of my servantes beinge of the better sorte, to each of them the somme of tenne poundes of lawfull Englishe monie; and to others being of the second sorte of my servantes, to each of them five poundes of like monie; and to the residue of all my common servantes, both men and women, which shalbe serveing in my house at the time of my death and departure, to each of them the somme of fortie shillinges. Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Toser, servant to my brother Thomas Drake, the somme of tenne poundes of like money. And my meaneing and intent is that the one halfe of all the legacies before given to my said servantes shalbe paied and delivered to them by my saide executours, or the survivours or survivour of them, at th'end and retourne of this action and jorney now in hand, yf my saide executours, or the survivours or survivour of them, may then convenientlie make so much monies of the same; and the other halfendale thereof within shorte time after my debtes are paide, and so soone as my saide executours, or the survivours or survivour of them, maie convenientlie make monies of my saide goodes and chattells. And whereas, by a deede indented beareing date the day and yeare of this my last will and testament, I have, for the better satisfaction of debtes and paiement of my legacies, given and graunted to Anthonie Rowse, William Strode, and Christofer Harris, esquiers, all my leases, goodes, and chattells whatsoever, and also have authorized them to receive all such debtes as are anie waie oweinge unto me, and in like manner to have the goverment, order, and disposition of all my landes, tenementes, leases,

and hereditamentes aswell in my absence as also for five yeeres next after my decease, yf I happen to die before I retourne out of th'action and jorney aforesaide, with a proviso in the same deede conteined that at th'end of the same five yeeres they and everie of them should, aswell for the said landes, tenementes, leases, and hereditamentes, as for the surplusage of all other thinges remaineinge in theire handes, be accomptable and dispose as I by my last will and testament in writeing under my hand and seale should appoint and not otherwise, as in and by the same deede more plainelie appeareth. And for that I have a greate confidence, trust, and fidelitie in the said Anthonie Rowse, William Strode, and Christofer Harris, touching the paiement of debtes and accomplishinge of this my last will and testament, the residue of all my goodes, chattells, and plate, not before given or bequeathed, I doe in trust give and bequeath to the saide Anthonie Rowse, William Stroade, and Christofer Harris, whome I doe make and ordaine to be my executours of this my last will and testament, to see my debtes and legacies to be trulie paide and performed accordinge to the trust and confidence which I repose in them; in accomplishinge whereof I no waye doubte but that they and the survivours and survivour of them will imploy their uttermost endevors. And further I doe here by this my testament appoint and make knowen to my saide executours that my meaneing, will, and intent ys that after my debtes and legacies are paied and discharged they and the survivors and survivor of them shall yealde a true and just accompte to my saide brother Thomas Drake, his executors or assignes, aswell of all the foresaide landes, tenementes, leases, goodes, and chattells, as of the surplusage of all other thinges whatsoever which shall be then remaineinge after my debtes and legacies are trulie paid. And my further meaneinge and intent is that my saide executors and the survivors and survivor of them shall, uppon such accompte or accomptes soe to be past as aforesaide, and uppon request to them or anie of them, to be made by the said Thomas Drake, his executors or assignes, or anie of them, reassure, render, give over, deliver, and paie to the saide Thomas Drake, his executors or assignes, all the forsaide landes, tenementes, leases, goodes, and

chattells, or such somme or sommes of monie as shalbe then made of the same or anie parte thereof, which the saide Thomas Drake, his executors and assignes, shall have and take to his and theire owne proper use, benefitt, and behoofe, for ever. And, finallie, I have appointed my trustie and welbeloved frendes and cosens, Master Richard Drake esquier, one of th'enquiryes (*sic*) of her Majesties stable, and Thomas Barret, archidiacon, to be rulers and overseers of this my last will and testament, and allsoe to be aideinge and assistinge to my saide executors, and the survivors and survivor of them, touchinge the better accomplishement of the same; and I give to each of them for their paines herein to be taken the somme of of lawfull monie of England. In witnes whereof, I the said Sr Frauncis Drake have hereunto set my seale and subscribed my name, theis beinge witnesses. FRA. DRAKE. Sealed, signed, and delivered in the presence of those whose names followe: Charles Mannors, Jonas Boddenham, Thomas Webbs, Roger Langsford, George Watkins, William Maynard.

In the name of God, Amen. The seaven and twenteth day of Januarie, in the eight and thirteth yeere of the raigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce, and Ireland Queene, Defender of the Faith, &c. I Frauncis Drake, of Bucklond Monachorum in the countie of Devon, knighte, generall of her Majesties fleete nowe in service for the west Indyes, beinge perfect of minde and memorie (thankes be therefore unto God), although sick in bodie, doe make and ordaine my last will and testament in manner and forme followeinge, viz.: First, I commend my soule to Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer, in whose righteousness I am made assured of everlastinge felicitie; and my bodie to the earth to be entombed at the discrecion of my executors. Item, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my welbeloved cosen Frauncis Drake, the sonne of Richard Drake of Eshire in the countie of Surrey esquier, one of the quiries of her Majesties stable, all that my mannor of Yarckombe scituate lyinge and beinge

within the countie of Devon, with all the rightes, members, and appurtenances to the same belonginge or in anie wise apperteininge; to have and to hould all and singuler the saied mannor of Yarckomb, with all the rightes, members, and appurtenances unto the same belonginge, unto the saied Frauncis Drake, sonne of the saied Richard Drake, his heires and assignes for ever: Provided alwaies, and my will and intent is, that, if the saide Richard Drake and Frauncis Drake his sonne, theire heires, executors, or administrators, or anie of them, doe not well and trulie content and paie, or cause to be contented and paide, unto Thomas Drake of Plymouth in the saide countie of Devon gentleman, his executors or assignes, the somme of two thousande poundes of lawfull monie of England, within two yeeres next after the death of me the saide Frauncis Drake, that then this my present legacie and devise of the said mannor of Yarckombe, with its appurtenances, unto the saide Frauncis Drake, sonne of the saide Richard Drake, and to his heires, to be utterlie frustrate, voide, and of noe force. But my will, intent, and meaninge is that, uppon defalte of payment thereof within two yeeres next after my decease, all and singuler the saide mannor called Yarckombe, with all his rightes, members, and appurtenances, shall whollie discend, remaine, come, and be to my saide brother Thomas Drake, and to his heires and assignes for ever, to the only use and behoofe of the saide Thomas Drake, his heires and assignes for ever more; haveinge this will, intent, and meaneing, that the saide two thowsand poundes before expressed shalbe onelie and whollie imployed towardes the paiement and discharge of my debtes and performance of this my present will and testament, and not otherwise. Item, I give, devise, and bequeath unto Jonas Bodenham, gentleman, all that my mannor of Sampford Speney scituate lyinge and beinge within the saide countie of Devon, with all the rightes, members, and appurtenances to the saide mannor of Sampford Spyney belongeing or apperteininge, to have and to hould all and singuler the saide mannor of Sampford Spyney, with all the rightes and members and appurtenances to the same belonging, unto the saide Jonas

Bodenham, his heires and assignes, for evermore. Furthermore, I doe make constitute and ordaine my saide brother Thomas Drake to be my full and sole executor, haveing an assured truste and confidence in him that he will have a brotherlie care to see my will performed in all thinges accordinge to the trust in him reposed. As touching all the resydue of landes, goodes, and chattells whatsoever not herein willed devised legacied bequeathed nor disposed of, my will and intent is that a former will made by me the saide Frauncis Drake, under my hand and seale, bearing date the (*sic*) daie of August, in the seaven and thirteth yeare of the raigne of our saied soveraigne ladie Queene Elizabeth, shall stand remaine and be observed in all pointes, in such manner and forme as in and by the same I have devised willed limited and bequeathed. In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale. Yeoven the daie and yeare first above written, FRA. DRAKE. Sealed, signed, and delivered, in the presence of those whose names are subscribed: Charles Mannors, Jonas Bodenham, Thomas Webbs, Roger Langsford, George Watkins, William Maynard.

Proved at London, before Master Wm. Lewin, LL.D., on the 17th day of May, 1596, by the oath of Francis Clerke, notary public, proctor of Thomas Drake brother of the deceased and executor named in the will.

Sententia dated 28th of June, 1596, admitting both wills according to the desire of the testator.

ISAAC CASAUBON, 1614.

Isaac Casaubon, born at Geneva Feb. 18, 1559, after having for fourteen years filled the professorship of the Greek tongue in his native city, and afterwards the like post for a shorter period at Montpelier, was invited by Henri IV. to Paris, where in 1599 he became professor of Belles Lettres, and in 1603 keeper of the King's library. He had resisted the earnest efforts of the Cardinal du Perron to gain him over to the Church of Rome; and on the murder of the King all hopes of retaining his place as a Protestant were at an end. He consequently came to England with Sir Henry Wotton in Oct. 1610; and was well received by James the First, who not only made him denizen (Jan. 11, 1610-11), but granted him a pension of 300*l.* with prebends at Canterbury and Westminster. He did not, however, enjoy these advantages long; dying July 1, 1614, in his 55th year. He was buried in Westminster Abbey, where his epitaph is still to be seen.

(*Translated out of Frenche.*)

THERE being nothinge more certaine to man then death, and nothinge more uncertaine than the houre thereof, and desyringe to provide that Death surprise mee not before I make my latter will, havinge as yett by the mercie of God the use of all my senses and of my reason, understandinge and judgement, I have thought it necessary shortly to declare myne estate and latter will as followes. I doe confesse and protest that I live and dye in that true and lively fayth whereby the just man lives which is taught us in Holy Scripture. And that I beleeve the remission of all my sinnes by the sheddinge of the most pretious bloode of myne only Saviour, Mediatour and Advocate, Jesus Christ, in whose handes I doe give over and commend my self, beseechinge him that he woulde sanctifie me thoroughlie and keepe my whole spirit, soule and bodie, without blemish unto his last cominge. I leave my body to be buried in the grownd in a Christian manner without all unnecessarie pompe or shewe, to be made partaker of the blessed resurrection at the latter daye, which I doe expect and beleeve with a steadfast fayth. As for my goodes which the Lorde hath lent me, which I shall leave the

day of my decease, my will is that my debtes which shalbe founde lawfull shalbe payd. Thereafter I give to the French Church assembled in London five and twenty French crownes. And to the poore of this parish where I dwell five French crownes. To the library of the French church in London fowre of my greatest bookes amonge the fathers, and my Gregory Nyssen manuscript. To my nephewe Mr. Chabane[a] one of my Hippocrates. As concerninge all my goodes whatsoever present or to come, moveable or immoveable, I doe appointe that my wyfe[b] have it in her choyce either to take herself to her contract of marriage, where in is to be founde whatsoever I have received before and since the death of her father Henry Steven of happie memory, or to take herself to the just halfe of all my goodes which shall remaine behinde, that beinge exempted whereof mention was made before. As for the other halfe which shall remaine, I will not that my sonne Casaubon[c] have any parte thereof, but onlye one cup of the value of thirty crownes; the reasons of this my will are knowne unto him. Item, I will and ordayne that each one of my daughters have two hundred crownes. Which beinge done, my meaninge is that the whole remnant bee equally divided amonge my sonnes and daughters,[d] except that to the sonne who walkinge in the feare of God shalbe fittest to sustaine my family I doe give the cup of Mr. Scaliger of moste happie memory[e] above and beside that portion which shall fall to him of the foresayd half or

[a] "Versatur jam isthic [at London in 1614] Isaacus Chabanæus sororis meæ filius, juvenis singulari pietate præditus." See Casauboni Epistolæ, 1638, pp. 442, 467, 652.

[b] He had married, April 28, 1586, Florence, daughter of Henry Stephanus, the celebrated printer and author of the Thesaurus, who had withdrawn from Paris to Geneva.

[c] Afterwards mentioned with his christian name, John. This was his eldest son; who had given way to those arguments of the Cardinal du Perron and other zealous Romanists that were ineffectual with the father. "This accident gave him a great deal of affliction and uneasiness."—Biographia Britannica.

[d] He had in all twenty children, one of whom was born in England in 1612, and the King and Archbishop of Canterbury were his godfathers. Another son, Augustine, turned to Rome, and became a Capuchin at Calais. Nothing is on record of the rest, except Meric, the successor to his learned reputation, who became D.D. at Oxford, 1636, and, having been well beneficed in England, died at Canterbury in 1671.

[e] Joseph Justus Scaliger. He left France in 1593 to be Professor at Leyden, where he died Jan. 21, 1609, aged 68.

remnant of my goodes, the cup of thirtie crownes for my sonne John and the two hundred crownes for each one of my daughters beinge first abated. Neverthelesse if any of my children, sonne or daughter, presume to fynde faulte with or call in question this my last will, or be disobeydient to my wife their mother, I leave to my wife all power and authority to deprive such a one of soe muche of their portion as she shall thinke good, beinge thereunto well counselled and approved by the overseers of this my testament that shalbe there where she for the tyme shall remaine. Moreover, if it shall please God to call to himselfe one or more of my children before they be married or come to age, I will that their portion be divided amonge the rest that doe survive by equall portions, my sonne John excepted. And to the intent that this my testament may be put in execution, I leave and ordayne my wife the onely executrix thereof, intreating my trusty freindes Mr. Theodore Turquet de Maierne,[a] Raphaell Torriz, and Philippe Bourlamarque,[b] to ayde her as curators in those thinges which be on this side of the sea; and my trusty frendes Mr. Josias Mercere, Seigneur des Bordes, Desier Herault advocate, and Mr. Arbaut doctor of phisick, for those affaires that be beyond seas. In witnesse whereof and of that which is before set downe, I have subsigned with my hand and sealed with my seale this my latter will in presence of them that be after named, this Tewsday the one and twentieth of June, the yeare of our Lorde one thousand sixe hundred and fowerteene. ISAACK CASAUBON. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, ARON CAPPELL, DAVID CODELONGUE, WILLIAM JANE, et me THOMAM ELAM scrivener.

Proved at London before Master Edmund Pope, LL.D. surrogate, &c. the 30th day of July, 1614, by the oath of Florence Casaubon, the relict and executrix therein named.

[a] Afterwards Sir Theodore Mayerne, the celebrated physician to King James I.

[b] Burlamachi, an eminent Italian merchant in London.

ISAAC OLIVER, 1617.

The admirable painter, Isaac Oliver, is said to have been born in 1555 or 1556; he died shortly after the execution of this will.

In the name of God, Amen. The fourth daye of June, one thowsand sixe hundred and seaventeene, and in the fifteenth yere of the raigne of oure soveraign Lorde Kynge James, &c. I, ISAAC OLIVER, of the parishe of Saincte Anne, within the precinct of the Blacke Friers, London, gent., beyng sicke and weake in bodye, but of good and sounde mynde and memorye (thanckes be to God) do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme folowing, that is to saye: first and principallie, I commend and committ my soule into the handes of Almightie God my Creator, and of Jesus Christe my only Savyoure and Redeemer, by whose merittes and mercey I beleve assuredlie to have and obteyne full and free remission and pardon of all my synnes and offences, and to inherit eternall life in the kingdome of heaven with others the elect children of God. And my bodie I will shalbe buried in Christian buriall, the funerall chardge whereof I doe wholly referre to the discretions of the executor and overseers of this my laste will and testament hereunder named.[a] Item, I will, and my mynde ys that, all the debtes which I shall owe at the tyme of my decease being payed, and my funerall expences dischardged, all the residue of my goodes and chattells whatsoever shalbe devided into three equall partes or portions, except my furniture of my house and plate, which my will is to be devided into two equall partes: the one parte I give to my wife presentlie after my decease; th'other to be equallie devided amongest my children, as the other goodes are hereafter mentioned. One equall third parte of my other goodes I give and

[a] Oliver was buried in the church of St. Anne, Blackfriars, "where his son," according to Walpole, "erected a monument to his memory, with his bust in marble." The monument was destroyed in the great fire.

bequeathe to my sayed lovinge wife Elizabeth for her parte and portion therein. And I will, and my mynde ys, that, yf the lease of my house shalbe soulde to rayse portions for my children or otherwise, that then my wife shall have the same lease better cheape by fortie pounds then any other will give or paye for the same lease or goodes *bonâ fide*. Item, I give and bequeathe the other twoe third partes of all my sayd goodes and chattells (except before excepted) to and amongest my children to be devided equallie parte and parte alike; except all my drawings allreadye finished and unfinished and lymning pictures, be they historyes, storyes, or any thing of lymning whatsoever, of my owne hande worke as yet unfinished; all which I give and bequeathe to my eldest sonne Peter, yf he shall live and exercise that arte or science which he and I nowe doe.[a] But, if he shall dye without yssue and not use the same arte, then I will that all the same drawynges onlye shall remayne to suche an other of my sonnes as will use and exercise that arte or science. Item, my will ys that my sayed sonne Peter shall have the first proffer of the sale of my pictures that shalbe soulde, and fyve shillinges in a pound cheaper then any will give for them. And allso I will and my mynde ys that suche parte of my goodes and chattells as uppon the division to be made as aforesayed shall belong to my sayed sonne Peter shalbe payed unto him within six monethes next after my decease, but rateablie and proportionablie as my estate shall come or can be gotten in. Item, I will and my minde ys that the partes and portions which shalbe due and belonge to the rest of my sonnes shall be payed to every of them severallie at his age of one and twentie yeres, and that all the benefitt and profitt which can or shall in the meane tyme arise and be made thereof to be ymployed for theire education and placinge them in service as occasion shall require. And likewise that the parte and portion of my daughter shalbe paied to her at the age of twentie-one yeres or day of marriage, which

[a] Peter Oliver, who was only sixteen when this will was written, pursued his father's art, and has been esteemed by some persons as his superior in the execution of portraits in miniature. He died in 1660; but we have not succeeded in a search for his will.

shall first happen; and in the meane tyme the benefitt and profitt arisinge thereof to be ymployed as is aforesayed. And, yf any of my children shall happen to dye or departe this life before the receipt of his or her portion, then I will that the parte and portion of every of them which shall soe happen to dye or departe this life shall remayne and be devided to and amongest the survivors of them the same children equallie parte and parte like, and to be payed and ymployed as ys aforesayed. Item, I will and my mynde is, that, yf my wife shalbe marryed agayne after my decease, that then before her marriage she shall become bound with one or more sufficient suertie or suerties to the overseers of this my last will by obligation in a sufficient penaltie with condition for the true performance of this my last will and testament, or els that she shall pay and deliver into the hands of the same overseers or one of them all suche money and other thinges as shalbe due and belonging to my children for theire portions. Soe as the same overseers or one of them to whose handes the same money and portions shalbe committed and delivered as is aforesayed, shall and do give unto her my saied wife good and sufficient assurance for her dischardge; and likewise for the payment of my saied childrens' portions and the profitt thereof, according to the tenor, effect, and true meaning of this my last will. Item, I give and bequeathe to my kynneswoman Judith Morrell fortie poundes in money, to be payed to her at the day of her mariage or at her age of fyve and twentie yeres, which happen first. And, yf she shall happen to dye or departe this lyfe in the meane tyme, then I will that the said somme of fortie poundes shall remayne to suche of my children as shalbe then living equallie amongest them to be devided. And I do ordayne and make my saied loving wife Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will, whome I desire trulie to performe the same in all thinges according to my true intent and meaning hereiñ declared. And overseers thereof I do make and appoynte my lovinge and trustie freindes, James Harding of Isleworth alias Thistleworth in the county of Midd., gent., Edward Harding of London, gent., and my sonne Peter Oliver, desyring

them to be ayding and assistant to my sayed wife with theire best advice and counsell in the true performance therof. In witnesse whereof I the said Isaac Oliver to this my last will have set my hande and seale the daye and yere first above written.

ISAAC OLIVER.

Sealed and declared by the abovenamed Isaac Oliver as and for his last will and testament in the presence of theise witnesses, viz., James Harden, Raphe Fetherston, Edw. Harden. The marke of Jane Harden.

Proved at London before Master John Amye, LL.D. Surrogate, &c., 30th of Oct., 1617, by the oath of Elizabeth the relict of the deceased.

JOHN DAVIES, 1618.

Of John Davies, writing master and poet, a memoir will be found in Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses. He usually styled himself "John Davies of Hereford," the place of his birth. He was buried, as directed in this will, in the church of St. Dunstan's Fleet-street on the 6th July, 1618. (Register printed in the Collectanea Topog. et Genealogica, vol. v. p. 205: which corrects an erroneous statement in Fuller's Worthies that his grave was "in the church or churchyard of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields.")

In the name of God, Amen. The nyne and twentith daye of June, anno Domini one thowsand sixe hundred and eighteene, and in the yeres of the raigne of oure soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God Kyng of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faithe, &c. the sixteenth, and of Scotland the one and fiftithe, I, John Davies, of the parishe of Sainct Martin-in-the-Feildes, in the countie of Midd. gent. beyng sicke of bodye, but of good and perfect mynde and memorye, thanckes be given to God therfore, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme folowing, that is to saye: First and principallie I doe committ and commend my soule into the handes of Almightie God, trusting assuredlie thorough the merittes and passion of Jesus Christe my Savyoure and Redemer to have full remission of all my synnes; and I will that after my decease my bodie be buryed in the parishe churche of Saincte Dunstan-in-the-West, London, as neere as convenientlie may be to the place where Mary my late welbeloved wife lyeth.[a] And, touching and concerning suche temporall blessinges as God of his goodnes hath endewed me withall, I give and bequeathe the same in manner and forme folowinge, that is to saye: first, I bequeathe unto my twoe servauntes, Mary Baldwyn and Jane Callis twentie shillinges a peece. Item, I give and bequeathe to

[a] "Mistress Mary Davies, daughter of Thomas Croft, of Okley Park, co. Salop, esq. wife of John Davies of Hereford. She died on New Year's day, 1612." Epitaph formerly in St. Dunstan's church, which, with twenty lines of poetry which follow, will be found in Stowe's Survay.

my brothers James and Richard, and to my sisters Margaret and Anne, to each of them one ryng of the valewe of twentie shillinges apeece. Item, I give and bequeathe unto my beloved freinde, —— Coxe, draper, my rynge of goulde with a deathes heade in yt. Item, I give and bequeathe unto my sonne Silvanus Davies all my bookes. Item, I give and bequeathe unto my welbeloved wife Margarett the lease of the house and garden wherein I nowe dwell in St. Martin's Lane, togeather with all such brasse, pewter, and ymplementes of houshold stuffe whatsoever as my saied wife at the tyme of her mariage broughte unto me, and allso suche plate and jewells as were hers before her marriage, and to the sole use and behoofe of the saied Margaret my saied wife. Likewise I give unto my saied wife my picture.[a] Item, I give to be bestowed in breade for the poore at the tyme of my buriall fortie shillinges, viz. twenty shillinges for the poore of the parishe of St. Martin's aforesaied, and twentie shillinges for the poore of the parishe of St. Dunstan aforesayed. Item, I give and bequeathe unto my saied wife my chaine of goulde, and a paire of goulde bracelettes, and a chayne of pomander, togeather with all my plate and the moytie or halfe parte of all my goodes, viz. pewter, brasse, bedding, lynnen, woollen, and other goodes whatsoever. Item, I further will and bequeathe unto my saied sonne Silvanus Davies the lease of one howse in Fleete Streete, London, knowne by the name of the Worldes End,[b] with all such goodes and appurtenances as are myne. Moreover I bequeathe and give unto my saied sonne all my rynges, and one

[a] No doubt the original of the print which forms the frontispiece to one of his copy-books, and of which there is a copy by W. Richardson. See Granger's Biographical History of England, where the author has taken the opportunity to introduce some curious particulars of the art of writing as practised in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. On the same subject see also a very amusing paper entitled "The History of Writing Masters" in D'Israeli's Curiosities of Literature. The painter of Davies's portrait is not mentioned.

[b] Davies had formerly lived in Fleet Street. "I could not write the Court and Chancerie hands. So my father left me for halfe a year (this was about 1611) with Mr. John Davies, in Fleet Street, (*the most famous writer of his time*,) to learne those hands. Who, being also a papist, with his wife and familie, their example and often discourse gave growth," &c.—Life of Arthur Wilson, in Peck's Desid. Curiosa, p. 461.

jewell nowe remayning togeather in a box, and the other moietie or halfe parte of the saied houshold stuffe which were myne before I marryed with my saied wife. Item, I likewise bequeathe unto my saied sonne Silvanus Davies all suche moneys which are remayning in the handes of George Wood of the parish of St. Clement Danes, and those pledges in lieu thereof to be restored. Item, I do lastlie ordayne and make my saied wife Margaret and my saied sonne joynt executors of this my last will and testament, and do make the saied ——— Coxe the overseer of this my saied will and testament; and I do hereby disannul and make voyd all other former willes whatsoever by me made. And I hereby conjure and desire my saied wife and sonne, my saied executors, as they will awnswere the same at the dreadfull daye of judgment, to be either to other conformable and willing to performe this my last will according to the true intent and meaninge hereof, and that my saied wife shall paye the saied legaceys within six monethes next ensewing the day of my decease. In witnesse whereof to this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hande and seale the daye and yere first above written. JOHN DAVIES.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Richard Williamson, Scr[ivener], Thomas Griffith, (the marke of) Anne Griffith, (the marke of) Elizabeth Bibbye.

Proved at London before Master Edmund Pope, Doctor of Laws, &c. on the 7th day of July, 1618, by the oath of Margaret Davies and Silvanus Davies, the executors in the will named.

GEORGE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM, 1627.

This will was made on the occasion of the Duke's expedition to the Isle of Rhé, upon which he sailed from Portsmouth on the 27th June, 1627. He was assassinated by Felton on the 28th August, 1628.

In the name of God, Amen. The five and twentieth daye of June, one thousand six hundred twenty-seaven, and in the therd yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c., I, George Duke of Buckingham, Lord High Admirall of England, intending, by the permission of Almighty God, a voyage to sea, and considering the many casualties and daungers that the life of man is subject unto, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in writing, in manner and forme following. And first, I doe bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God, trusting to have it saved by the merrites, death, and passion of my alone Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ; and my body to be buried within the Chappell of King Henry the Seaventh in Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, with such funeralls as my executors hereafter named shall think decent and fitt. And for the disposition of my worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed mee: First, I will that as well by sale of such mannors and lands as I have for that purpose appointed (if occasion be) as out of my personall estate (other then such part thereof as I shall give to my deare and loveing wife) my just and true debtes be first satisfied and payed. Item, I give to my said wife all and singuler my jewells, plate, utensills of houshold, and ymplementes whatsoever. Item, I give unto my loveing sister the Countesse of Denbigh the somme of five thousand poundes, to be payed by my executors in such convenient tyme as the same may be rayseđ, my debtes being first payed. Item, I give to my very good lord the Earle of Northampton the somme of seaven thousand pounds, to be payed unto him by my executors forth of those sommes of money which are oweing to me by his Majesty. Item, I give unto my servant Richard

Oliver the somme of one thousand poundes, to be payed unto hym in such convenient tyme as the same maye be raysed. Item, I give unto my servant Thomas Fotherley the somme of five hundred pounds, to be payed unto him in such convenient time as the same may be raysed. Item, I give unto my servants Edward Nicholas and Robert Mason fyve hundred poundes a peece, to be alsoe payed unto them in such convenient tyme as the same maye be raysed. Item, I give unto my servant Thomas Stockdale the somme of three hundred poundes, to be also paid unto him in such convenient tyme as the same may be raysed. And all other my goods, chattells, jewells, plate, utensils of household whatsoever unbequeathed, except the estate I have in the King's Bench office, and the lease of the customes of Ireland, I doe give and bequeath unto my deare and loveing wife, desireing her to take care of the rest of my servantes. Item, my debtes beinge satisfied and payed, I doe give the estate and interest I have in the King's Bench office, and the lease of the customes of Ireland, which I doe hould from his Majestye, unto such first begotten sonne as it shall please God to send mee, and, yf I have no sonne, then I doe give and bequeath them to my daughter Mary; and I doe hereby make, constitute, and appoint my father-in-lawe the Earle of Rutland, the Lord Viscount Savage, Sir Robert Pye knight, and my servantes and officers Richard Oliver and Thomas Fotherley, executors of this my last will and testament. In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare above written.

G. BUCKINGHAM.

Witnesses hereunto, ALLEN APSLEY. JAMES BAGG.

3 Mar. 1634. Commission to administer to the Lady Catherine relict of deceased, Francis Earl of Rutland one of the executors having died, and Thomas Viscount Savage, Sir Robert Pye, Richard Oliver, and Tho. Fotherley, the other executors in the will named, having renounced.

14 Nov. 1663. A further commission of administration to George Duke of Buckingham, eldest son of the testator, *(de bonis non,)* after decease of his mother the forenamed administratrix.

SIR HUGH MIDDELTON, 1631.

The professional biography of Sir Hugh Middelton has been recently developed in the interesting work of Mr. Smiles on the Lives of the Engineers: and honour has been done to his memory by the erection of a fine marble effigy, by Thomas, upon Islington Green. There is much regarding his posterity in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1792, 1793, and 1796. The baronetcies of the family (for there were two, conferred respectively in 1622 and 1681,) were allowed to drop, notwithstanding the continuance of male heirs, in consequence of poverty and disgrace. See Courthope's Synopsis of the Extinct Baronetage.

In the name of God, Amen. The one and twentieth daie of November, in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computacion of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and one, I, Sir Hugh Middelton, barronett, and cittizen and gouldsmith of London, being (though sicke of bodie) of good and perfect mind and memorie (thankes be to Almightie God therefore), doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and makinge void all former wills whatsoever. First, therefore, I comende my soule into the handes of Almightie God my Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; and my bodie to the earth in hope of a joyful resurrection. And I appoint my funeralls to be accordinge to the discrecion of myne executrix hereinafter named. And it is my will and desire this my bodie be buried in the parish church of Saint Mathewe in London, where I was some times a parishioner, and a monument to be sett upp there for me at the discrecion of my executrix. And touchinge the disposicion of my personall and reall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me, I will that all my debtes which I shall owe at the time of my decease, with the charge of my funeralls, shalbe first paid and satisfied, and then I give and bequeath to my deare and loving wife Dame Elizabeth Middelton [a] all the chaines, rings, jewells, pearles, bracelettes, and

[a] Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Olmstead, Esq. of Ingatestone in Essex.

gould buttons, which shee hath in her custodie, and useth to weare at festivalls. And also the deepe silver bason, the spout pott and maudlyn cupp of silver, and the smale bowle, all which were given her. And whereas I have already given to my sonne William Middelton [a] his full porcion which I intended to him out of my personall estate, I doe hereby give and bequeath to my said sonne William the some of one hundred poundes, and to my daughter in lawe his wife the some of tenn poundes to buy her a ring. And whereas my daughter Jane hath also had her full porcion upon her marriage, I give to her husband Doctor Chamberlaine [b] and my said daughter Jane the severall somes of tenn poundes to buy each of them a ringe. And whereas also my daughter Hester [c] hath had one thousand poundes in part of her porcion of nynetenne hundred poundes, and the other nyne hundred poundes are deteyned till the articles on the parte of the Ladie Price are performed which were agreed on for and on the behalfe of her grandchild Richard Price, Esquier, being within age at the tyme of the marriage of the said Hester, I give over and above the said nyne hundred powndes remayninge to be paid to my said sonne Richard Price and Hester his wife the severall somes of tenn poundes a peece to buy each of them a ringe. Item, I give and bequeath to my sonne Henry Myddelton [d] the some of fower hundred poundes. Item, I give to my sonne Simon Middelton the like some of foure hundred poundes. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Middelton the some of five hundred poundes. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann the like some of five hundred poundes. Item, I give and bequeath to the poore of the

[a] Who succeeded his father as a Baronet. See the Gentleman's Magazine, lxii. 784, for his descendants.

[b] Peter Chamberlaine, M.D. born May 8, 1601, died Dec. 23, 1683. He had eleven sons and two daughters, and at his death a very numerous posterity. He was buried at Woodham Mortimer in Essex: see Morant's History of Essex, i. 342, and the octavo History, vol. v. p. 293.

[c] Married to Richard Price, Esq.

[d] Henry, baptised at St. Matthew's, Friday Street, June 14, 1607. For his posterity see the Gentleman's Magazine, Aug. 1792, p. 698.

parish of Henllan, where I was borne, the some of twentie poundes; and to the poore of the towne of Denbigh, in the countie of Denbigh, I give the like some of twentie poundes. Item, I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Amwell in the countie of Hartford the some of five poundes. Item, I give and bequeath to my nephew Captaine Roger Middelton the some of thirtie poundes. Item, I give to Richard Newell the some of thirtie poundes, to the end he shall continue his care in the workes of the Mynes Royall wherein he is now ymployed. Item, I give to Howell Jones the some of twentie poundes, to th'ende he shall alsoe continue his care in the Water-Workes, wherein he hath benne and still is imployed. And my will and meaninge is that my executrix hereafter named shall have two yeares tyme next after my decease to make payment of all and everie the legacies in this my will mencioned, except shee cann sooner raise them out of my personall estate. And for the better payment of my debtes and legacies in this my will bequeathed, I doe hereby give to myne executrix hereafter named full power and authoritie to bargayne and sell all the messuages, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes whatsoever, with their appurtenances, mencioned in an indenture of mortgage dated the nyneteenth of March, in the yeare of our Lord one thowsand six hundred and thirtie, made betweene me the said Sir Hugh Middelton and my sonne William Middelton of th'one part, and Sir Thomas Middelton knighte and alderman of the cittie of London,[a] Rowland Heighling, and others of the other part, as by the said indenture appeareth, desiring my said executrix and my nephew Roger Middelton to doe their best endeavours to sell the said messuages, landes, and tenementes to their best value. And if it shall happen that my said executrix dye before shee shall have made sale of the said messuages, landes, and tenementes, then I give full power and authoritie to my two sonnes William Middelton and Henry Middleton to make sale of them and to sell them to their best value for

[a] Sir Thomas Middelton, Lord Mayor in 1613, was Sir Hugh's elder brother.

the payment of my debtes and legacies aforesaid. And my further will and meaninge is that all my partes and shares in the Mynes Royall in the principallitie of Wales shalbe also sould for the better payment of my debts and legacies by myne executrix hereafter named. AND FOR AND CONCERNING all my partes and shares of and in the New River and waterworkes brought from Shadwell and Amwell in the countie of Hartford to the citty of London, my will and meaninge is, and I doe hereby give and bequeath all my said partes and shares in the said waterworkes, together with the rentes, arrerages of rentes, and proffites of them, and every of them, to my saide lovinge wife Dame Elizabeth Middelton, to have and to hould for and dureinge her naturall life; and if the moneys arisinge out of the sale and proffitts of the messuages, landes, and tenementes appointed to bee sould, and the Mynes Royall aforesaid, and all my other personall estate, shall not prove sufficient to pay all my debtes and legacies, then my further will and meaninge is, and I doe hereby give full power and authoritie to my executrix hereafter named, to sell fower of the said partes and shares, or soe many of the said fower shares as shalbe sufficient to raise moneys sufficient to make payment of the residue of my debtes and legacies which shall soe happen to be unpaide; and after the decease of my said wife Dame Elizabeth I give and bequeath one part and share of the said river and waterworks to my sonne William Middelton and his heires; and one other part and share of the said river and waterworkes I give to my sonne Henry Middleton and his heires; and one other part and share of the said river and waterworks I give to my sonne Simon Middelton[a] and his heires; and one other part or share of the said river and waterwourkes I give to my daughter Elizabeth and her heires; and one other part or share of the said river and waterwourkes I give to my daughter Anne Middelton and her heires; and one other part or share of the said river or waterwourkes I give and bequeath to Richard Rogers, —— Terry,

[a] Said to have been father of Sir Hugh, created a Baronet in 1681: see the Gentleman's Magazine, vol. lxii. p. 900.

Walter Merrell, John Williams, John Hawes, Richard Millard, John Gravett, William Cuttes, John Acton, and Robert Hooke, cittizens and gouldsmiths of London, and their successours assistants of the Company of Gouldsmithes, London, for ever; upon trust and confidence that the profittes of the said part and share shalbe by them disposed and disbursed in manner and forme followinge, that is to say: every halfe yeare after the decease of my said wife in weekly porcions of twelve pence a peece to the poore of the said Company of Gouldsmiths of the said citty, by the discretion of the wardens and assistantes of the said company for the tyme being, or the greater number of them, and especiallie to such poore men of my name, kindred, or countrymen as are or shalbe free of the said companie; and for the better declaracion of what partes are here ment and intended to be devised as aforesaid, I doe hereby declare that the one halfe of the waterwourkes are devided into sixe and thirty partes or shares, thirteene of which partes or shares are to my selfe belonginge and are in the name of my selfe and other feoffees in trust to my use and the proffettes by me receeved, and therefore my meaninge is that the sixe severall partes or shares hereby devised and given are sixe of the partes and shares of my said thirteene partes and noe other. AND MY FURTHER WILL and meaninge is and I doe hereby devise and give to my said wife Dame Elizabeth my house and landes at Bushhills in the parish of Edmonton in the county of Middlesex, with all the household stuff and furniture therein, to have and to hould the same to her owne use for ever duringe her naturall life; and after her decease my will is that my youngest sonne Simon Middleton shall have and injoye the same to him and his heires. And alsoe my will and meaninge is that my said wife shall have the keeping and wearing of that great jewell[a] which was given unto me by the Lord Maior of the cittie of London and the aldermen of the same, and that she doe give and leave the same after her decease to such one of my sonnes as she shall thinke most worthy to weare and enjoye the same. Item, I give to my brother Robert Bateman

[a] This jewel is shown upon Sir Hugh's breast in his portrait.

the some of twentie poundes to buy him a ringe. Item, I give to Peter Hinde and his wife twenty poundes to be devided betweene them, desiringe the said Peter Hinde to continue his care in the workes I have ymploied him in. Item, I give to Mr. William Lewyn the yearly some of twenty poundes to be paid unto him every halfe yeare out of the rentes and proffittes of the said Waterworks, by equall porcions, for and duringe his naturall life, to the end that he shall doe his best endeavor for the advancement of the said Waterworkes. Item, I give and bequeath to all my men servants (except the boy in kitchin) to each of them the some of five poundes which shalbe dwelling with me at the tyme of my decease. And to the said boy and Elizabeth my maidservant to each of them fortie shillinges. And I doe make and ordaine, nominate and appoint, my said lovinge wife Dame Elizabeth Middelton my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I doe make my nephew Sir Thomas Middelton knight, my brother Bateman, my nephewes Roger Middelton and Richard Middelton, overseers of this my last will and testament; praying my said executrix and overseers to see this my last will and testament trulie perfourmed. Item, I give to my nephewe Sir Thomas Middelton twenty poundes, to my nephewe Timothie Middelton the some of tenn poundes. Item, I give to Mr. William Lewis fiftie poundes. Item, to my nephewe John Chambers and his wife to each of them five poundes a peece to buy each of them a ringe. Item, to Robert Berners esquier I give five poundes to buy him a ringe. In wittnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hande to everie sheete the daie and yeare first within written, and sealed the same with my seale. And my further will is and I doe give to my nephewe Richard Middelton and his wife five poundes a peece to each of them to buy each of them a ringe. Item, to Richard Trihurst tenn poundes; and soe I doe declare this to be my last will and testament. HUGH MIDDELTON.

Theis eight sheetes of paper before annexed contayne the last will and testament of Sir Hugh Middelton, baronett, and were by him-

selfe subscribed and sealed and the same by him published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, this one and twentith daie of November, 1631. Roger Mydl, Robert Barners, Will. Lewyn, Mathewe Hobman, William Jones, William Graie, Richard Dryhurst.

Proved at London before Sir Henry Marten, LL.D. on the 21st Dec. 1631, by the oath of Lady Elizabeth Middelton, relict of the deceased, and executor in the above will named.

Note. Respecting the share in the New River bequeathed in charity to the Goldsmiths' Company (see p. 96) we find the following account of the distribution of its income in modern times: "The annual receipt from this New River share has varied very considerably. Formerly it has amounted to 314*l.* For the last two or three years it has averaged from 170*l.* to 190*l.*, and is now increasing. The whole of the receipt is divided in February and October, 26*s.* a piece being given at each division to the settled pensioners in the first three classes, amounting to 52 in number, and the remainder distributed among the unsettled pensioners in similar sums, as far as it will go." *Commissioners' Report of* 1822; *quoted in Herbert's Twelve Livery Companies*, ii. 277.

JOHN HAMPDEN, 1636.

Hampden was mortally wounded, it will be remembered, in a skirmish at Chalgrove, in Oxfordshire, on the 18th of June 1643, and died on the 24th of the same month. His will contains all particulars of his family connections necessary for understanding the nature of its provisions, except that it should be stated that, besides the two daughters mentioned in the codicil, he left other surviving children, namely, his heir, Richard Hampden, esq. (John, an elder brother, having died in 1641 or 1642,) and William, M.P. for Wendover in Richard Cromwell's parliament, who died in 1675; also three other daughters—Ruth, married to Sir John Trevor; Judith, who died unmarried in 1646; and Mary, married, first to Colonel John Hammond, governor of Carisbrook, and, secondly, to Sir John Hobart, Bart.

In the name of God, Amen. This eight and twentieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred thirtie and six, I, John Hampden, of Great Hampden in the county of Buckingham, esqr. being, thanks be to Almighty God, in health and perfect memory, doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form followeing. First, I commend my soule into the handes of Almighty God, assuredly trusting to be saved by the alone merritt of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whoe redeemed me with his owne bloud—the invaluable price of my redempcion. I will that my body be decently buried without funerall charges, and that my executors doe in convenient tyme after my death lay in Great Hampden Church (where I desire to be buried) one plaine grave stone of marble, upon which I would have engraven the portraitures of myself and my wife, and of our ten children, and the names of us, and soe many of them, as lived to be named, and underneath these wordes, "*In Christo mortuus, per Christum resurrecturus, cum Christo regnaturus.*" And whereas I have conveyed diverse of my lands, tenements and hereditaments, unto Sir Gilbert Gerrard of Harrow on the Hill in the county of Middlesex barronet, Elizabeth Hampden of the citty of Westminster in the said county of Middlesex widdow, Richard Knightly of Preston in the county

of Northampton esqr., Edmund Waller the younger of Beckamsfield in the said county of Buckingham esqr., Edmond Simeon of Pirton in the county of Oxford esqr., and Richard Hampden of Finington in the said county of Oxford esqr., and unto their heires and assignes, upon such trusts as by my last will and testament in writeing, or by any other writeing by me subscribed in the presence of two or more wittnesses, I should limitt and appoint as by the conveyaunce or conveyaunces of the same, due referrence being thereunto had, more at large it doth and may appeare. Now therefore, according to my power in that behalf reserved unto me by the said conveyaunce or conveyaunces, and by force thereof, I doe, by this my last will and testament, limitt and appoint that the said conveyance or conveyances shalbe, and the said Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Elizabeth Hampden, Richard Knightly, Edmond Waller, Edmond Simeon, and Richard Hampden, their heires and assignes, shalbe seized of all and every the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, conveyed or assured as aforesaid, upon such severall trusts and confidences and for such intents and purposes as hereafter in this my will I shall limitt and declare. And first, upon trust and confidence that the said Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Elizabeth Hampden, Richard Knightly, Edmond Waller, Edmond Simeon, and Richard Hampden, their heires and assignes, or such of them as shall receave the same, shall, within three moneths next after the receipt of any rentes, issues, or profites of any of the premisses, pay the same unto myne executors to be by them imployed as followeth (that is to say), for and towards the yearly payment of thirtie poundes a peece to every one of my younger sonnes, untill they shall severally and respectively attain their severall and respective ages of sixteene yeares, and from their severall and respective ages of sixteene yeares, the severall and respective sumes of fortie pounds a yeare a peece to every one of my said younger sonnes, untill they shall severally and respectively attaine their severall ages of one and twenty yeares, as also for and towards a yearlie payment of the severall sumes of thirtie poundes a yeare a peece unto every one of my daughters that shalbe unmarried,

or unprovided of a porcion at the tyme of my decease, untill their severall and respective porcions shalbe severally and respectively due and payable unto them, the said severall paymentes unto my said younger sonnes and daughters to be paied for their maintenaunce half yearly, by equall porcions, and the overplus of the said rentes, issues, and proffites, yf any, shalbe to be imployed by myne executors towardes the raysing of the sume of fowrteene thousand pounds hereafter in this my will menconed. And upon further trust and confidence, that out of the premisses such summe and summes of money shalbe raysed as shalbe sufficient to rayse soe much of the said sume of fowerteene thousand pounds as shall not or cannot be raysed out of the said surplusage of yearly rentes, yssues and proffites of the premisses, and out of such other meanes as in and by this my will I shall appoint for that purpose, the same summe of xiiij$^{m li}$ to be imployed for the payment of my debtes and performance of my will: And, for the better rayseing of soe much of the said summe of xiiij$^{m li}$ as cannot be raysed by such other meanes as by this my will hath bin or shalbe limitted and appointed for that purpose, I doe hereby will and give power unto the sayd trustees, for the doeing thereof, to sell the premisses or any part thereof, or to lease the same for any number of yeares with or without reservacion of rent, or to sell all or any the tymber or other wood groweing or to be groweing upon the premisses or any part thereof. And upon further trust and confidence, that the said summe of fourteen thousand pounds shalbe payed as it shalbe raysed to myne executors, to be by them or the survivor or survivors of them imployed for the payment of my debtes and legacies herein particulerly expressed, and the overplus thereof to be distributed amongst all my younger children, in such severall and respective proporcions, and in such manner and at such tymes as myne executors or the survivors or survivor of them shall think fitt and appoint. And in default of such distribucion, the surplusage of such overplus not distributed to be divided equally among such of my younger children to whome noe distribucion was made. And upon

further trust and confidence that the sayd trustees and the heyres of the survivor of them shall yearly, soe long they shall have any estate in the premisses or any part thereof, make a true accompt unto myne executors, and unto the survivor of them, of all and singuler the summe and summes of money that they or any of them shall have or receave, for or by reason of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premisses, or any part thereof, upon which accompt they shall deduct and be allowed all and every summe and summes of mony any waies disbursed by reason of the said trust or the execucion of the same. And my will is that neither the said trustees nor myne executors shalbe charged with the payment or alloweing of any interest for any summe or summes of mony by them or any of them to be payed or receaved as aforesaid. And my desire is, yf the same may conveniently be effected, that my next heyre for the tyme being, or any frend on his behalf, may have the first offer of any landes or tymber that shalbe exposed to sale in execucion of the said trustes or any of them, and paying for the same a reasonable price. And if my next heyre for the time being shall give unto myne executors such sufficient securetie as they or the survivor of them shall thinke fit for the payment of all or any of my younger childrens porcions at such tymes as the same shall severally growe due, and of such yearly sumes of money for their or any of their maintenaunce as myne executors or the survivor of them shall appoint. That then my said trustees, or the survivors or survivor, or the heyre of the survivor of them, shall convey and assure unto such heire and his heyres such part of the premisses as they or he shall estimate to be worth the summe and summes of money soe secured in case the same sume or sumes of money were payed in hand, but yet I wholy leave this my desire in these particulers to the discrecion of my said trustees to doe therein as they shall think fitt, either in performeing or not performeing this my desire. And my further will and desire is that myne executors for the better performance of this my will, would be committees of the bodie and lands of myne heyre for the tyme being, and for

that purpose would be peticioners to the Master and Counsaile of His Majesties Court of Wardes and Liveryes for the graunt of the custody of the body and lease of the lands of myne heyre for the tyme being, dureing the minoritie of such heyre. The said custody (deduccion being made of all charges concerning the same) to be in trust for such heyre, in case his lands or any part thereof shall after my death continue to be charged with the payment of five hundred poundes a yeare for sixe yeares next after my death. But yf the same landes shalbe in my life tyme freed from the same, then my will is, that the benefitt of the said custody or wardship of the body and lands of my said heyre shalbe imployed for and towardes the raysing the said summe of fourteene thousand pounds. And in case that the said last mencioned landes shall continue lyable to the payment of the said yearly summe of five hundred pounds for the said six yeares, then my will is that the said yearly summe of five hundred poundes be dureing the said six yeares ymployed for and towardes the raysing of the said summe of fourteen thousand poundes. Item, I do make my dearly beloved mother the said Elizabeth Hampden, and my welbeloved father in lawe the said Edmond Simeon, the executors of this my last will and testament. Item, I doe give unto my said executors all my goods, mony, plate, houshouldstuff, chattles, and other things whatsoever, towardes the performance of this my last will. Item, I give unto my trustie and faithfull servant John Baldwyn the summe of fyftie pounds, and I desire my executors to intertaine the said John Baldwin to waite upon myne heyre, and to allow him twenty markes yearly wages soe long as he shalbe servant unto him. And I desire that my heire wilbe a good and liberall master unto him if he finde him faithfull and serviceable as I have done. Item, I do make my loveing neighbour Thomas Stile, of Little Missenden in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, overseer of this my last will and testament. And I doe give him the said Thomas Style for a legacie, tenn poundes, desireing him that he wilbe assistant to my said executors with his counsaile and paines in the

execucion of this my will, for which it is my will that my said executors should well reward him. Item, my will and desire is that my said executors shall pay all other the legacies which I shall give and bequeath, and that they shall performe all such other things as I shall appoint to be done by my schedule or codicill which I shall hereafter make as an addicion to this my last will, yf any such shalbe. Item, I doe hereby revoke and disanull all former wills and testaments whatsoever. In token that this is my last will and testament conteyned in eight sheetes of paper, written all with my owne hand, and joyned together with one labell of parchment sealed with my seale, I have written my name to every of the said sheetes, and I have published the same, and declared it to be my will, upon the said eight and twentieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred thirtie and six.

JOHN HAMPDEN.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared in the presence of Thomas Enyes, John Greene, John Baldwin.

This thirtieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God 1642, I John Hampden, of Hampden in the county of Buckingham, esqr. doe make this codicill to be annexed to my last will and to be part of my said will. Item, whereas by my said last will I have appointed Sir Gilbert Gerrard barronnett, Elizabeth Hampden widdow, Richard Knightly, esqr. since deceased, Edmond Waller, esqr., Edmond Symeon, esqr. and Richard Hampden, esqr. (being my trustees of certaine landes and tenementes conveyed unto them for the raysing of money for the payment of debtes and legacies, and rayseing of porcions) to pay unto my executors, the survivors and survivor of them, the summe of fourteene thousand poundes, to be by them, the survivors or survivor of them, imployed for payment of my debtes and legacies therein particulerly expressed, and the overplus thereof to be distributed amongst my younger children in such severall and respective proporcions, and in such manner, and at such tymes as myne executors, the survivors or survivor of them, shall thinke fitt and appoint; and

in default of such distribucion the surplusage of such overplus not distributed to be devided equally amongst such of my younger children to whome noe distribucion was made. And whereas my daughter Elizabeth is married to Richard Knightly the younger, esqr. since the makeing of my said will, and whereas I have payed unto Richard Knightly the elder, father of the said Richard Knightly the younger, the full summe of twoe thousand and five hundred pounds, being the full summe of the marriage porcion of my said daughter Elizabeth, and whereas my daughter Anne is likewise married to Sir Robert Pye the younger, knight, since the makeing of my sayd will, and whereas I have payed to Sir Robert Pye the elder, knight, father of the said Robert Pye the younger, the summe of one thousand pounds, and have given him securetie for one thousand pounds more, which is the full marriage porcion of my said daughter Anne, I doe hereby revoke all legacies, bequestes, porcions, paymentes, provisions, or trustes, given, limitted, appointed, declared, or intended, unto or for my said daughters Elizabeth and Anne, or either of them, by my said last will. And further, I desire my said executors that all such part or porcion of the said fourteene thousand poundes, or surplusage, as they in theyr discrecions would have payed to my daughters Elizabeth or Anne, shalbe reserved in their owne hands to be payed by them unto my heyre, after all my debtes, other legacies, and porcions first payed by my sayd executors. In token that this is my codicill to be annexed to my will, and to be part of the same, being conteyned in two sheets of paper, I have sett my hand and seale to each of the said sheetes the day and yeare first above written.

JOHN HAMPDEN.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, in the presence of Charles Duckett, John Mosse, John Baldwin.

Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 28th May, 1647, by the oaths of Elizabeth Hampden and Edmund Symeon, the executors appointed in the will.

MARY PRINCESS OF ORANGE, 1660.

Mary Princess of Orange, eldest daughter of King Charles the First, died on the day when this will was made, at the palace of Whitehall.

In the name of God, Amen. I Marie Princesse of Great Britaine, Dowager of Orange, &c. being visited with sicknesse, and probably at this time to exchange this life for a better, doe hereby resigne my soule into the hands of God my Creatour, trusting in his mercies through the precious merits of Christ my Saviour to be saved bodie and soule in the joyfull meeting of eternall life; my bodie I bequeath to the earth to be buried in such decent Christian manner and in such place as the King my royall brother shall be pleased to appoint, my desire being to be layd next the Duke of Gloucester my late deare brother[a] if it may be with his Maties likeing. I earnestly beseech his Matie, as also the Queen my royall mother,[b] to take upon them the care of the Prince of Orange my sonne[c] as the best parents and friends I can commend him unto, and from whome he is with most reason to expect all good helpe both at home and abroade, praying to God to blesse and make him a happie instrument to His glorie and to his countries good, as well as to the satisfaction and advantage of his present friends and allies. I entreat his Matie most especiallie to be a protector and tutor to him and to his interests by his royall favour and influence, and to authorize such as I shall hereafter name to be executors of this my last will and testament, desireing her Matie the queene my mother to cause my son's jewells, being those I found in his father's cabinet,[d] expressed in a note of them, to be delivered unto him, or to some fitt trustee for him.

[a] Henry Duke of Gloucester had died on the 13th Sept. 1660, only three months before the date of this will.

[b] Henrietta Maria was still living. She died on the 10th August, 1669.

[c] Afterwards King William the Third, at this time ten years of age.

[d] William Prince of Orange, the father, had died on the 6th Nov. 1650.

My other jewells, and all things else remaining after my death properly belonging to me I leave to the queene my mother, soe as my debts and servants' arreares and wages in the first place be duly paid and satisfied, and also the legacies hereafter specified to my servants and others, for which ends and purposes, and to the end all my concernements, dues, and remayning affaires, claimes, rightes, profits, and accompts, may be well looked after, recovered, and settled, I doe hereby desire the Duke of York my deare brother to afford his ayde thereunto, likewise the Lord Jermyn Earle of St. Alban's, willing Nicholas Oudart my secretarie, councellor to my sonne and his commissioner here, who hath long and faithfully served my Royall Father his Matie now being and myselfe, to be those three whome his Matie is by me desired as aforesaid to authorise and give power unto, as I doe hereby authorize and give power unto them and their sufficient substitutes as the executors of this my last will and testament, and of all further actions, rights, claimes, dues, and demands of mine, whether in and about the tutele of my sonne in Holland, or other provinces of the United Netherlands, my quality of Regent in Orange, my porcion yet unpaid in England, with the interest thereof, or other matters in my remaining desolate family, commending to their Maties both my woemen and men servants to the end they may be favoured with some competent provision for their better support and maintenance, as my good meaning was to doe for them if I had longer lived. This I declare to be my last will and testament to stand and be in force, makeing void and hereby revokeing all other my former will or wills, testament or disposition for cause of death, if anie such be extant and appeare, as I doe not remember to have left anie such in being. In confirmation whereof, after distinct rehersall made to me of the premisses, I have signed this act with my owne hand, being in perfect memorie and understanding, and caused my said secretarie to countersigne it, and apply my seale of armes thereunto. At the pallace at Whitehall, the twenty-fourth of December, old style, one thousand six hundred and sixtie. I

bequeath and give to the Countesse of Chesterfield the summe of four hundred pounds sterling and as much to Madam Howarde, and I desire that to each other of my maid servants and men servants may be given so much a peice as the estate I leave may beare, and may best recompence their faithfull and good service unto me, for which I thanke them. MARIE.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence of us, Edward Ker, Rob. White, Will. Dike, by her royall highnesses command, N. Oudart, sec.

CHARLES R.

Having seene and perused the last will and testament of my deare sister Marie Princesse of Orange, beareing date the 24th of December, 1660, old style, I doe according to her desire expressed therein fully authorize and give power unto my royall brother the Duke of York, the Earle of St. Alban's, and Nicholas Oudart, and their sufficient substitutes, to be executors of her said will, and to doe all such things as are necessarie to be done in order to the execution and performance of the same. Given under our signe manuall at the Pallace at Whitehall the 27th day of December, 1660, in the 12th yeare of our reigne.

By his Maties comand,
EDW. NICHOLAS.

Proved at London 29 Decr. 1660, before Wm. Mericke, LL.D. by James Duke of York on the word of a prince, and by the oaths of Henry Earle of St. Alban's and Nicholas Oudart, &c.

18 die mensis Aprilis, 1661. Recepi testamentum originale suprascriptum. N. OUDART.

With certificate of the copy having been collated, &c.

ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF BOHEMIA, 1661.

Elizabeth, the unfortunate daughter of James I., died at Leicester House on the $\frac{13}{23}$ of February, 1661-2. The Earl of Leicester writing at the time remarked, "It is a pity that she lived not a few hours more, to die upon her wedding day, and that there is not as good a poet to make her epitaph as Dr. Donne, who wrote her epithalamium upon that day unto St. Valentine." (Sydney Papers, ii. 723.) She was interred in Westminster Abbey on the fourth day after her death.

Au nom du Pere, et du Fils, et du St. Esprit, Nous soubsignée, estant en parfaicte santé, et ne sachant combien il plaira à Dieu de nous y continuer, nous avous voulu faire cette nostre disposition et derniere volonté, et recommandent nostre ame à nostre unique Sauveur Jesus Christ, et nostre corps pour estre enterré parmy nos ancestres dans l'Eglize de Westminster, au prez de feu nostre frere aisné le Prince Henry.[a] Et venant à la division de biens que Dieu nous a laissés, declarons et instituons par celle cy nostre principall Heretier nostre fils aisné le Prince Charles Louys Electeur Pallatin, voulant qu'il ait absolue et entiere jouissance et possession de tout ce que Nous quittons en mourant, hormis ce que donnons à nos fils et filles les Princes Edward, Rupert, et la Princesse Elizabeth, et la Duchesse de Brunswic. Nous donnons à nostre fils le Prince Rupert tout ce qui nous est deu de l'argent, et ce qui nous est en main, toutes nos principales bagues et vesselles, et autres meubles, qui sont à nous; à nostre fils le Prince Edward nous donnons un de nos grands diamands en table qui est un peu foible attaché à un ruband en bracelet; à nostre fille la Princesse Elizabeth nous donnons nos pendants d'oreille d'emeraules avec deux perles qui y pendent; à ma fille la Duchesse de Brunswic nous donnons nostre petit tour de perles que nous avons tousjours porté. Voulant qu'il soit permis à nos susdits fils et filles de prendre les dons par cellecy à eux assignez, ou comme coheritiers legataires ou tel autre façon qu'il leur plaira, tellement que nos fils et filles susnommez les pourront prendre de leur chef, sans estre

[a] Henry Prince of Wales, who died in 1612.

obligé de les tirer des mains de nostre principall heretier; recommandant et ordonnant comme mere à tous nos enfans de vivre dans la crainte de Dieu en bonne union et concorde ensemble, et ne contrevenir au contenue de cette nostre derniere volonté, que nous entendons et commandons estre tenue pour valide et infraigable, et comme si toutes les formalitez des droicts y estoient observé, voulant que cellecy prenne son effect comme testament, codicille, donation à cause de mort, ou tellement que quelque disposition puisse valoir, nous reserve la puissance de faire sous nostre main le codicilles qui nous plairont ; en foy de quoy, et àfin que nos enfants se gouvernent selon cellecy, nous l'avons escript de nostre propre main, et signé et scellé du cachet de nos armes. Faict à la Haye ce $\frac{8}{18}$ de Maij, 1661.

ELIZABETH.

Certificate that on the 19th of May, 1661, before the notary public Martin Beechman, personally appeared the Queen of Bohemia, and acknowledged to the said will in the presence of these witnesses specially required:—Monsieur George Guillaume Ducq de Brounswich et Lunenbourgh, and Messieurs Jacob de Wassenar Seigneur d'Obdam, Æmilius de Bauchhorst Seigneur de Wimmenum, and Jean Copes councellor and resident of his Highness the Elector of Brandebourgh.

4th March, 1661, commission to administer to Prince Rupert, son and legatee of the deceased.

SPEAKER LENTHALL, 1662.

Speaker Lenthall has probably received hard measure from historical writers. Ere long, there is reason to hope, his character will be made the subject of careful inquiry and delineation. Two things seem established by his will: the one, that the constant assertion that he left a prodigious fortune was in all probability untrue; the other, that he was a man of an affectionate nature, and full of kindly, family feeling. The time of his death is variously stated. Noble places it on the 1st September, 1661, nearly twelve months before the execution of his will; Wood gives the 3rd September, a memorable day in that century, 1662.

1662 (28 July).—The eight and twentieth day of July, one thousand six hundred threescore and tow.

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Lenthall, of Burford, in the county of Oxon, esquire, being in perfect memory and in good health of body (God's holy name be praised therefore!) doe make this my last will and testament (revokeing hereby all other wills and testaments whatsoever by me made), assuredly knowing that this body of mine being but dust shall returne to the earth as it was, and my spirit shall returne to God whoe gave it, being confident in all humblenes and humility that, thorough the grace and spirit of faith in Jesus Christ, by his meritts, and satisfaccion that he hath given to the Father, and not anything of myselfe or by my performances, I shall meet my Saviour Jesus Christ comeing in the cloudes, whoe shall change my vile body that it may be fashioned like to his glorious body, according to the workeing whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himselfe; and have a full assurance and hope, thorough faith in Jesus Christ, that this mortall body shall be clothed with immortality, and thorough his blood, death, meritts, sufferings and passion onely, I shall enjoy that immortall crowne of glory which he hath purchased by the price of his blood for those that he hath loved, and shall meet my Saviour when he shall come in glory with joy and consolation,

hearing that sweet voice, "Come ye blessed." As to my body and buryall, I doe leave it to the disposition and discretion of my executor hereafter named, but with this speciall charge, that it be done as privately as may be, without any pompe or state, acknowledging my selfe to be unworthy of the least outward regard in this world, and unworthy of any remembrance that hath been soe great a sinner. And I doe farther charge and desire that noe monument be made for me, but at the utmost a plaine stone with this superscription onley, "VERMIS SUM." And as to my worldly goodes and estate, with all humility and humblenes of heart I doe acknowledge to have been plentifully given unto me by my deare God that made heaven [and] earth, and hath provided for me a place not made with hands but eternally in the heavens, and my father alsoe in Jesus Christ, yet that it may be manifest to the world how injuriously to my prejudice false rumors and lying lipps hath advanced my temporall estate, I shall truely manifest the same to the world by the gifts and bequests hereafter given and bequeathed, hopeing that there is none soe uncharitably minded as to beleive, that I would dissemble both with God and man, when I am not assured of one moment longer of life then I have to write this and declare what followeth. First, I doe owe unto my brother Thomas Lenthall the summe of eight hundred pounds of lawfull English money, which he lent me in the time of great necessity (and which I hope my selfe and mine shall ever acknowledge with thankefullnesse), for which money I did morgage as a security for it the personage of Burford, and those parcells of land in Burford, Upton and Signet knowne by the name of Elston's landes, and alsoe Bradwell Grove in the parish of Bradwell as it is conceaved in the comity of Oxon. There was alsoe a debt of tow hundred pounds which I did bind my selfe by promise to pay Collonell William Legge* upon certaine condicions first to be performed on his part, which he never performed, yett because now I

* The well-known Will Legge of the reign of Charles II. ancestor of the Earl of Dartmouth.

conceave my selfe free from those dangers which his promise was to discharge, I shall accompt it debt to be payd, one hundred pounds whereof I have already paid, my will and meaning is that my trustees hereafter named shall, upon a full discharge from the said William Legge first had and obtained, pay unto the said William Legge or his assignes the full summe of one hundred pounds of lawfull English money in discharge of all demands from him, as soone as the same can be raised out of my estate, after the debt paid to my brother Thomas Lenthall. I doe alsoe will and devise the summe of one hundred pounds of lawfull money to the right honourable the Earle of Norwich if he be liveing at my decease; but if he dye before me, then my will and meaning is that the same summe of one hundred pounds be paid to the Lord Goring [a] his eldest sonne, for he expressed a great willingnes to my assistance in my sore and great troubles. There is alsoe a debt owing to Mr. Blacke for my wife amounting to sixteene pounds, and alsoe Mr. Manby a laceman claimed a debt of foure and thirty pounds by promise, and perchance there may be some other small debts oweing by me at the time of my decease; my will and meaning is, that what soever debt can really appeare to be owing by me I doe appoint my trustees to satisfy and pay out of the proffits ariseing out [of] my land as they shall arise, and to be raised with as much convenient speed as may be after my decease. And whereas some controversy hath arisen betweene Joseph Herne, esqr. now usher of the Chancery, and my couzen Edmund Lenthall, sonne of my brother Francis Lenthall deceased, I doe desire my executor and trustees hereafter named to reconsile that difference if it may be, and that to be made out of the land which my said brother Frances Lenthall conveyed to me for my security concerning the busines that might arise about the usher's place (which conveyance will be found amongst my writings) and out of that estate to make good to Mr. Herne what my trustees shall thinke convenient. But if the said Mr. Herne shall sue, trouble, or molest me, then I leave this

[a] George Goring of Civil War celebrity.

busines at large without any charge to my executors or trustees, but leave them to their own discretion in medling in this busines, otherwise then as they shall find it an advantage to my estate. And that my executor and my trustees hereafter mencioned may be the better enabled to performe this my last will and testament in these particulars, and all such other legacies as I shall hereby appoint to be paid, I doe hereby devise, will, and bequeath unto my sonne Jhon Lenthall, and to my cozen William Lant, sonne in law to my brother Thomas Lenthall, to whome I owe that great debt, and to my loveing freind Benjamin Martin of Midlesex (*sic*) in the county of Midlesex, gentleman, and my servant John Prier, all those my landes, mannors and tenements comonly called or knowne by the name of the mannor of Burford, alias Borough-Barnes, alias Berry-Barnes, and alsoe the mannor of Yelford and all that parcell of ground called Bradwell Grove, and all those landes called Elstons lands, and my mill in Burford, and alsoe the parsonage of Burford, with their and every of their respective lands, tenements, hereditaments, and advantages, to them or any of them belonging or apperteyning, unto the said Jhon Lenthall, William Lant, Benjamine Martin, and Jhon Prior, for the terme of three yeares next after my decease, to this intent and purpose, that out of the profitts yearely ariseing out of those formerly mencioned lands soe devised to the said John Lenthall and other trustees as aforesaid they shall pay my debts formerly mencioned and all other my debts, legacies and servants' wages whatsoever I shall owe at the time of decease; and my meaning is that if the debts, legacies and other the payments before mentioned shall be paid sooner than three yeares, then my meaning is that the said lease, after such time as the particuler summes and debts shall be satisfyed, shall cease, determine and be utterly voyd if it shall happen to be satisfyed as aforesaid. And for a full and further disposition of all the said lands, mannors, tenements and hereditaments, my further will and meaning is, and I do hereby devise and bequeath unto my said sonne Jhon Lenthall all and singuler my lands, mannors, tenements and hereditaments

whatsoever aswell reall as personall dureing his life without impeachment of wast, remainder thereof to William Lenthall his sonne and heire of the said John Lenthall, and my godson, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to my own right heires, but upon this proviso and condition, and my will and meaning is, and I doe hereby will, devise and appoint, that if my sonne Jhon Lenthall shall at any time after the said William Lenthall, my godson, shall attaine the age of sixteene yeares, secure by good and lawfull conveyance and assureance out of the premisses or otherwise sufficiently and securely the summe of one hundred pounds of currant English money by the yeare unto the said William Lenthall and his heires for his maintenance, and at the same time give good security and sufficient in law to give my grandchild and his daughter Elizabeth Lenthall one thousand pounds at her age of eighteene yeares or at her day of marriage, which shall first happen, then my will is that all and singular the said lands and tenements and all other the premisses shall be and remaine and hereby I will and bequeath them unto the said Jhon Lenthall and to the heires male of his body, remainder to my owne right heires. And to the end that security be given accordingly *bonâ fide*, I doe desire the Sollicitor-Generall of his Majesty for the time being to see the same security sufficiently setled, for which I doe hereby bequeath unto him for a legacy the summe of tenn pounds; and for that great care and paines must be taken by my trustees in this busines, I doe give unto the said William Lant, Benjamin Martin, and Jhon Prior 20 li. a peice to each of them, to be paid out of the profitts as aforesaid, and that what charge all or any my trustees are put to for performance of this my will, my meaning is that the same shall be paid and satisfyed out [of] the profitts ariseing from the premisses. And whereas, at my deare wife's desire, I have setled upon her sister twenty pounds for her life yearely, I doe hereby ratify and confirme the same, and doe charge my executor to see the same justly paid and performed. Item, I doe give and bequeath unto the poore of Burford the summe of fifty pounds, to be paid within

two yeares after my decease. I did intend to have bequeathed two hundred pounds, but I have in my life time already delivered into the hands of Mr. Jhon Hughes one hundred and fifty pounds, and soe that with this 50 li. my true meaning is satisfyed, which I desire may be preserved as a stock to be lent out to poore tradesmen in Burford that have served their apprenticeship in that towne, to be lent by severall summes as my heire and the bayliffes of the said borough shall find it most charitable; but my meaning is that there be not above ten pounds lent to one man, and security to be given for the repayment thereof at 7 yeares' end, and not to pay any interest in the meane time. I doe alsoe, in respect of the great care and diligence that my servant Elizabeth Hemings, my wife's late servant, give her, in the remembrance of my deare wife, the summe of thirty pounds for a portion to be paid out of the profitts formerly disposed to my said trustees, and alsoe such wages as shall be due to her at the time of my decease; her wages is six pounds by the yeare; and alsoe my will is that the like payment be made of all the wages of my servants that shall be behind at the time of my death. I doe alsoe appoint my executor to give my freinds, Sir Jhon Lenthall, his lady and children, and other my cozens and nephews, 50 gold rings with this motto, "Oritur non Moritur." And I doe hereby make my executor my sonne Jhon Lenthall, to whome I give all my goods personall and reall not already bequeathed, and doe charge him that to the uttermost of his power that he see the performance of this will, and soe he will have the blessing of God attend him and the blessings of his father.

WM. LENTHALL.

Signed and sealed in the presence of Ralph Brideocke,[a] Augt. 13, 1662.

I desire my good friend Dr. Ralph Brideocke to be the overseer of this my will, and to advise and assist my sonne to the just execution of it.

[a] Afterwards Bishop of Chichester.

(Endorsed.)

This is my last will and testament, subscribed every leafe with my name and all written with my hand, upon the eight and twentieth day of July, one thousand six hundred and sixty and two, and in the fourteenth yeare of the reigne of our blessed King Charles, whome God long preserve.

WILLIAM LENTHALL.

I doe further declare and will that this shall be annext as a codicill to my will, by which I dispose of things not setled and disposed there, as followeth:

Imprimis, I give to my daughter in law my Lady Stonehouse that jewell which my wife wore about her arme, I meane the locket.

Item, I give to my grandchild Elizabeth all the rest of my jewells to her sole use and benefitt, the necklace of pearle to be presently given to her for her use, the rest to be given to her at the age of sixteene yeares, and in the meane time to be in the hands of my daughter in law, and to be worne and used by her without hurt or detriment.

Item, I will that my son, whome I have made my executor, shall give in his owne security to my trustees that all and every of my jewells, except as before excepted, shall be kept safe and preserved for the sole use of my said grandchild Elizabeth till she come to the age of 16 yeares, and then shall be delivered unto her.

Item, I dispose of my wives cloths as followeth: I give all her velvett gownes to my daughter-in-law, if she pleaseth to accept them, to be a remembrance of my wife, and two of the best pettycotes such as my executor shall appoint.

Item, I will that my sister Stavely shall have the choice of two garments next, which were my wives.

Item, I will that my servant Elizabeth shall have three other garments next, and that the rest of my wives cloths shall be divided among servants.

Item, I give my owne two velvett gownes to my sonne, to be worne

or preserved by him at his discretion, as remembrances of my places and calling. The rest of my cloths I give to be disposed by my son among my servants as he shall thinke fitt, to Prior in the first place.

Aug. 12, 1662. WM. LENTHALL.

I also desire that my son will weare his mother's wedding ring about his arme in remembrance of her, and that Mrs. Brideok have two paire of my wives gloves.

(*Endorsed.*)

This is my last will, all write with my owne hand, except the codicill, which I have annexed since, and owne as part of my will under my hand.

Aug. 13, 1662. WM. LENTHALL.

On the 16th of April, 1694, a commission of administration issued to Philip Price, administrator of the goods of Sir John Lenthall, Baronet, deceased, (by Catherine Lenthall, his relict, also deceased,) unadministered to, who whiles he lived was son, executor, and residuary legatee named in the will of Wm. Lenthall, late of Burford, co. Oxon., deceased, during the minority of John Lenthall the younger, eldest grandson of Sir John Lenthall, and next of kin of the testator.

[In the margin of register is a note that there was a *sententia* for the validity of this will and codicil in 1682.]

Speaker Lenthall married Elizabeth, daughter of Ambrose Evans, of Lodington, co. Northampton, esq. At the Visitation of Oxfordshire, 1634, he had issue two sons, John, then nine years old, and William; and two daughters, Frances and Katharine. His son and heir John afterwards married Mary, daughter of Sir William Ashcomb, of Alvescot, co. Oxford, Knt. (Harl. MSS. 1556 and 1557.)

SIR JOHN DENHAM, K.B. 1668.

This document adds materially to the information respecting Sir John Denham's family in Johnson's Lives of the Poets. Mr. Peter Cunningham there states (edit. 1854, vol. i. p. 76) that Sir John Denham was married secondly "in Westminster Abbey, on the 25th of May, 1665, to Margaret Brooke, daughter of Sir William Brooke, K.B. and niece of Digby Earl of Bristol," who had been mistress to the Duke of York, and is a prominent celebrity among the beauties of Lely and the scandals of Grammont. Her presumed relationship to the Earl of Bristol is a mistake, for her mother was Penelope, daughter of Sir Moses Hill, knt. Her father Sir William Brooke, K.B. was nephew to Henry the last Lord Cobham, who died in 1619, s.p.; which Sir William was restored in blood, but not to the peerage, his father George having been beheaded in 1603 for his share in Ralegh's Conspiracy. His two daughters, Margaret, afterwards Lady Denham, and Hill, married to Sir William Boothby, ancestor to Sir Brooke Boothby, Bart. were raised by patent dated May 19, 1665, to the precedency due to the daughters of Barons, notwithstanding the attainder of Henry Lord Cobham. Lady Denham died Jan. 6, 1666-7, under circumstances related by Mr. Cunningham.

Sir John Denham's first wife, according to Aubrey, "was the daughter and heire of —— Cotton, of —— in Gloucestershire, by whom he had 500*l.* per annum, one son and two daughters. The son did not *patrem sapere*. He was of Wadham College in Doctor Wilkins' time: he died *sine prole*. One of his daughters is married to —— Morley of Sussex, esq., the other ——." Both these daughters occur in the present document. Mr. Cunningham found Sir John's first marriage at St. Bride's, Fleet-Street, 1634, "June 25. John Denham, gent. and Ann Cotton, by license from Sir Edmund Scott's office."

Sir John Denham died on the 19th of March, 1668-9, and "was buried near Mr. Chaucer's monument, March 23." (Register of Westminster Abbey, in Collectanea Topog. et Geneal. vol. vii. p. 374.)

IN the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DENHAM, of Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, Knight of the Bath, surveyor-generall of his Majesties works, being (I thank God) of perfect memory, doe make this my last will and testament. Inprimis, I humbly and thankfully resigne to Almighty God that immortall soule which of his eternall mercy he bestowed upon me, for the redemption whereof

he was pleased to send into the world his onely begotten sonne Jesus Christ our Lord. And hereby I testify that I dye a true Christian according to the profession of the Church of England, for whose prosperity and continueance (as by law it is now established) I most heartily pray, whose doctrine and discipline I doe and ever have embraced and adhered to, not onely as being borne and bred within it, but (after diligent search and enquiry both at home and abroad) have chosen for the best and most apostolicke in the Christian world, and I doe (upon my blessing) charge my two daughters, haveing now noe sonne left alive, to observe and obey the same, they haveing beene soe well educated and exercised in their duty therein, and that they transferre the like charge to their posterity, that whysoever change or temptation may hereafter happen they may not change with it contrary to their owne understanding and consciences. Item, I bequeath my body to the earth, from whence it came, to be buried where and in what manner my executrix hereafter named shall think fitt. As for that worldly estate which God hath pleased to conferre upon me, I dispose of it in manner following: Item, I bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Denham, and to her executors and administrators, the lease which I hold by grant from his Majesty of the ground in Scotland yard adjoyning to Whitehall (wherein I have att my owne sole costs and charges built a new rainge of brick buildings), with all my right and interest whatsoever in the said lease: provided that she pay out of the rents or profitts of the said lease the severall summes hereafter following, (vizt.) the summe of fifty pounds yearly to be laid out for the use and towards the maintenance of my eldest grandsonne John Morley att some good grammer schoole; the first payment thereof to begin halfe a yeare after my decease if the said John shall then be six yeares of age, and soe to continue to his age of fourteene yeares, and if he be then found fitt to be sent to the university of Oxon then to pay him the said John Morley the sume of one hundred pounds a yeare during his abode and residence in the said university if he continue there

three yeares at the least, and after his departure from the university to pay unto the said John the sume of two hundred pounds yearly, if the said John shall goe or be sent to travell into foraigne parts, and soe long as he shall soe continue abroad in travell not exceeding two yeares, all which said respective yearely sumes of fifty poundes, one hundred poundes, and two hundred poundes I will shall be paid halfe yearly by equall portions in manner aforesaid. Item, I give to my servant Mathew Bosworth the summe of tenn pounds yearly during his naturall life, to be paid out of the profitts of the aforesaid lease if the said lease shall not expire before. Item, I give to my said daughter Elizabeth Denham, and to her executors and administrators, all my moiety of the lease of land in Bedford Levell Fennes, not farre from Peterburgh, which lease is granted to me and William Ashburnham esquire, cofferer of his Majesties houshold, by his Royall Highnes the Duke of Yorke: provided that my said daughter pay the sume of five hundred pounds, or as much of the said sume as shall happen to be unpaid, to John Ashburnham esquire, one of the gromes of his Majesties Bedchamber, which money I borrowed of the said John Ashburnham upon the said lease. Item, I give to my grandchild Mary Morley, daughter of Sir William Morley, Knight of the Bath, and of my daughter Anne his wife, all my right, clayme, and interest in three judgments or statuts which I have upon the manor of Thorpe,[a] in the county of Surrey, late the estate of Wolley Leigh, esquire, and now in joynture to the Lady Lowther heretofore wife to the said Wolley Leigh,[b] which judgments or statuts are all the satisfaction I am like to receive for diverse great sumes of money which I have paid for the said Wolley Leigh. Item, I give to Wil-

[a] In Thorpe church is a brass with curious inscriptions to William Denham, citizen and goldsmith, who died in 1583, aged 64 (engraved in Brayley's History of Surrey, ii. 252): possibly the grandfather of the poet.

[b] Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Hare of Stowe Bardolph in Norfolk, Bart. was married first to Wolley Leigh, esq. and afterwards became the second wife of Sir John Lowther of Lowther, Bart. grandfather (by his former marriage) of the first Viscount Lonsdale. See the pedigree of Leigh in the History of Surrey, by Manning and Bray, vol. iii. p. 248.

liam the second sonne of the said Sir William Morley all my moiety of a lease for seaventy yeares of lands to be regained from the sea between the peninsula of Selsea and the contiguous parts of the county of Sussex, which lease is granted by letters patents to me and the said Sir William Morley joyntly, provided the said William Morley the sonne doe take and keepe the name of Denham for his sirname;[a] and if the said William Morley the younger shall dye without issue, then I give that my said moiety to his next younger brother, upon the same termes and condicion of takeing and beareing my sirname as aforesaid. And whereas I am surveyour generall for the rebuilding of St. Paul's Church, London, I doe give and bequeath all my fees (being twenty shillings per diem) gratis towards that noble and pious worke, and as a further remembraunce of my affection to the same doe give the sume of one hundred pounds to the said church of St. Paul's, to be paid when the said church shall begin to be in some forwardnes to be rebuilt. Item, I give to my faithfull servant Henry Cooper tenn pounds yearly during his naturall life, to be paid by my executrix, I haveing already given him the office of Clearke of his Majesties Works at Hampton Court, and also obteyned for him the place of Harbinger to the Queens Majestie. And I doe constitute and appoint my deare daughter Elizabeth Denham aforesaid to be my sole and onely executrix of this my last will and testament. And I desire my faithfull friends Sir John Birkenhead, Master of Requests to his Majestie, and the aforesaid William Ashburnham esquire, to be overseers of this my last will, and to be assistant to my said executrix in the execution of the same; hereby revokeing all other wills (whether in writing or nuncupatory) if any such shalbe pretended. In further testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and

[a] Sir John Denham's wishes were not carried into effect: for William Morley died unmarried in 1693, John his elder (and only) brother having died before him in 1683. On the death of their father Sir William in 1701, their sister Mary became his heir. She was married to James tenth Earl of Derby, and died without surviving issue in 1782, aged eighty-four, and left her estates to her cousin Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart. See the pedigree of Morley in Dallaway's Rape of Chichester, and in Berry's Sussex Genealogies.

seale, this thirteenth day of March, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and eight, and in the one and twentieth yeare of the raigne of King Charles the Second of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith.

Jo. DENHAM.

Signed, sealed, and declared to be the last will and testament of the within named Sir John Denham, in the presence of Jo. Berkenhead, Mathew Bosworth, Ambros Ward.

Proved at Exeter House, in the Strand, in the county of Middlesex, before Sir Leoline Jenkins, Kt. &c. &c., on the 9th day of May, 1670, by the oath of Elizth Denham, daughter of the dec^{d}, and executrix in the will named.

WILLIAM PRYNNE, 1669.

This indefatigable writer and great sufferer for conscience' sake died at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on 24th October, 1669, and was buried in the cloister under the chapel there, according to the directions of this will. His books are very foreign to the taste and literary notions of the present day, but he has a strong claim upon all historical inquirers as having been the first to introduce into that branch of our literature the habitual practice of referring to authorities in the fullest manner.

In the name of God, Amen. I William Prynne of Lyncolnes Inne in the county of Middlesex esquire, being through Godes mercy restored to perfecte health and of sound memory from my late infirmitie (for which I blesse His holy name), considering my owne declyning strength, the deathes of many of my relacions yonger then my selfe, and my approaching dissolucion, being willing to be dissolved and to be with Christ, which is best of all, when ever God shall please to take me out of this vayne and wicked world, and hath noe more worke for mee therein, doe make this my last will and testament in forme ensueing. First, I bequeath my immortall soule into the hands of God from whome I receaved it, by whose free grace and all-satisfactory merritts of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ I stedfastly hope and beleeve to obtayne the full pardon of all my sinnes and eternall life in his heavenly kingdome. My vile body I bequeath to the dust to be decently interred in the parish church of Swanswicke in the county of Sommersett, or Lyncolnes Inne, if I decease in or nere either of them, till God shall raise it up a glorious body and reunite it for ever to my soule at the generall resurrection. Item, I give and bequeath to the churchwardens and treasurers of Christ Church in London towards the repayring thereof the summe of tenne pounds; and to the churchwardens and treasurers of the parish churches of Saint Antholine's, Saint Lawrence nere Guildehall, Saint Bridgett, and Saint Katherine's Creedchurch, defaced by the late dreadfull fire, five pounds a peece,

to be paid them within three monethes after they shall beginne to repaire them respectively, in case I dye before that tyme, haveing already given the somme of tenne pounds a peece to the treasurers of Saint Maryes Aldermanbury and Sepulcher's, and five pounds to the churchwardens of Saint Mildred's, with my owne handes, to bee imployed only on the repaires of the said churches, and for noe other uses. Item, I give to the library of Lyncolnes Inn all my manuscripts of Parlyament rolles and journalls, and other records not yet published, together with my Rerum Germanicarum Scriptores in five,[a] Rerum Hispanicarum Scriptores in 4, and Goldastus in 3 folio volumes. Item, I give to the library of Oriall Colledge in Oxford, whereof I was both a member and a tennant, my Ocham upon the Sentences, Saint Bugel's Revellacions,[b] Laurentius Surius his Comments in 4 tomes, and one of each sort of my owne printed bookes, which they yet want. All the rest of my divinity and ecclesiasticall history bookes I give to my deare brother Mr. Thomas Prynne, and all my other history bookes, phisick, philosophy, chirurgery bookes, and poets I give to my nephew William Clerke, with this proviso, that he shall not sell them. And for my law bookes I give soe many of them to my brother George Clerke as he shall make choyce of. Item, I give to my deare brother Mr. Thomas Prynne my best gold ring with my father's armes, and 3 old peeces of gold which were my grandfather's. Item, I give to my dear sister Mistresse Katheryne Clerke my best serjeant's ring, all my hangings, bedding, furniture in my chamber in Lyncolnes Inne, and two hundred poundes in money. Item, I give to her husband Mr. George Clerke one of my gold rings. Item, I give to every one of their sonnes

[a] The books given to Lincoln's Inn are not indicated in the library of the Society as having been the subjects of this bequest; but several of the manuscripts in that library have Prynne's handwriting in them, or can be shown in other ways to have passed through his hands.

[b] These books do not appear in Coxe's Catalogue of the MSS. in the library of Oriel College (4 to 18), nor is Prynne reckoned among the benefactors to the library of that college. "Saint Bugel's Revellacions" is no doubt a clerical error for the Revelations of Saint Bridget (before named in p. 3).

and daughters who shalbe living at the tyme of my decease one gold ring and one hundred pounds a peece. And to my neece Elizabeth Clerke and her daughter Elizabeth one gold [ring] and tenne pounds a peece in plate. Item, I give to my disconsolate neece Mrs Katherine Colman, widow, the somme of two hundred poundes in money, to each of her daughters the somme of one hundred poundes, and to her sonne the sum of fiftie poundes, provided that if either her daughters dye or her sonnes before marriage, his or her portion shall remayne to the surviving daughter. Item, I give to my neece Collett, my neece Browne, and my neece (*non est legibile*) forty poundes a peece, and to each of their respective children tenne poundes a peece, and in case any of their respective children shall dye before marriage, that the legacie of the deceased shall remayne to the survivor. Item, I give to my cousin Joyce Prynne the somme of 30^li^, and to my neece Becke her sister the like somme if alive at my decease. Item, I give to my clerke Ralph Jennings one of my cloth suites, with a coate, cloake, stockings, and hatt, with five poundes in money to be paid to him by 5*s.* each weeke, lest he spend or be cheated thereof. Item, I give to my clerke Samuell Wiseman the somme of three poundes and one of my silke cloakes and last printed bookes. Item, I give to Doctor Tillotson[a] one of each of my three tomes of my Exact Chronologicall Vindicacion, 8° bound. Item, I give and bequeath to the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Swanswicke the somme of tenne pounds, to bee imployed in binding forth poore boyes and girles therein apprentices, as my nephew Mr. George Clerke and the minister of the parish shall nominate and directe. Item, I give to Thomas Smith of Swanswick the somme of twenty shillinges in money and one of my suites of apparell and riding coates. Item, I give to my brother George Clerke all the bedding and furniture of my chamber in the Tower of London. Item, I give to Mr. William Ryley one of my last tomes of a Chronologicall Vindicacion. All the legacies in money formerly given I desire may be paid with all expedicion out of the sale and proceed of my printed bookes at my

[a] John Tillotson, D.D. 1666, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury.

owne charge in my chamber and elswhere, and of six yeares and halfe arreares of my annuall sallary and fee of five hundred pound as keeper of the Records of the Tower, freely given mee by His Majesty King Charles the Second, of his owne meere motion for my services and sufferings for him under the late usurpers, and strenuous endeavours, by printing and otherwise, to restore His Majestie to the actuall possession of his regall governement and kingdomes without opposicion or effusion of blood. As for my interest in the lease of Swanswick, and my hangings, pictures, and furniture there, I give and bequeath them to my deare brother Mr. Thomas Prynne for the use of my beloved sister M^ris^ Katherin Clerke for her better mayntenance dureing her naturall life, and if she dye before the expiracion of the said terme then to the use of her husband and my nephew George Clerk if living. All the rest of my reall and personall estate, goods, chattels, debts, creditts (I never coveting the uncertaine transient treasures, honors, or preferments of this world, but to doe my God, king, country, all the best publicke services I could, with the losse of my liberty, expences of my meane estate, and hazard of my life,) I give and bequeath to my deare brother Mr. Thomas Prynne and my loveing sister M^ris^ Katharine Clerke, whome I make sole executors of this my last will and testament, revokeing all former wills. In testimony whereof I have written it with my owne hand, and sealed and signed it with my owne seale of armes and hand, this eleaventh day of August in the yeare of our Lord God 1669. WILLIAM PRYNNE.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the testator to be his very last will and testament in the presence of THOMAS PRYNNE.

Proved at Exeter House in the Strand by Thomas Prynne and Catherine Clerke, the executors in the will named, on the 25th Nov. 1669.

SIR HENRY DE VIC, 1669.

Sir Henry de Vic, a native of Guernsey, was a faithful adherent to Charles I., and whilst Resident at Brussels a valuable friend to the English exiles during the Commonwealth. The chancellorship of the Order of the Garter was one of the advantages derived by him from the Restoration.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Henry de Vic, Knight and Baronet, Chancellour of the most noble Order of the Garter, being aged seaventie-one yeares and upward, being (I blesse God the author and giver of every good and perfect guift!) of good and perfect memorie, and such understanding as God in his goodnesse hath been pleased to give unto mee, doe make this my last will and testament: First, I bequeathe my soule to God that gave it, beseeching him to wash it cleane from all its defilements in the blood of his deare sonn, my alone Saviour Jesus Christ, and to present it to himselfe without spot and without blemish, that soe it may be admitted into the cittie of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, there to enjoy the beatificall vision, and the societie of the spirits of just men made perfect: Secondly, for this vile bodie I commit it in trust to the earth, from which it was taken, there to rest in the expectation and hope of a joyfull resurrection; and for the place where it shall be interr'd, I shall refer that to the prudence and discretion of the overseers of this my will hereafter to be named and appoynted: Lastly, for that temporall estate which it hath pleased God in his bountie to give unto mee, I doe thus dispose of it in forme following, vizt.: First, I give unto my daughter the Lady Freshvill, wife to the Right Honorable the Lord Freshvill,[a] a gold bodkin set with

[a] John Frescheville, created Lord Frescheville in 1664, ob. s.p. 1682. This was the gentleman who claimed to sit in the House of Peers under a Writ of Summons to his lineal ancestor Ralph de Frescheville in 1297; but, not being able to prove that his ancestor sat in parliament under his summons, he was unsuccessful in his claim. The case is still a leading one in Peerage Law.

diamonds, which is in one of the little drawers in my little cabinet, in my closet, in token of my fatherly affection to her; and the reason why I doe bequeathe noe more unto her nowe is because for her advancement I gave a liberall and honorable portion in her marriage. And whereas my housekeeper Bridgett Wing hath beene a faithfull servant unto mee and verie carefull of mee in my sicknesse, what I intended to give unto her as a legacie to be payd unto her after my death, I have verie lately before the making of this my last will and testament given that intended legacie into her hands and custodie, which bountie shee received from mee with all thankfulnesse and aboundant satisfaction to herselfe. Item, I give unto my mayd servant Jane Taylor the summe of thirtie pounds. Item, I give unto my mayd servant Elizabeth Taylor the summe of tenn pounds. Item, I give unto my coachman William Francis the summe of eight pounds. Item, I give unto my boy Robert Browne the summe of three pounds. Item, I give unto the poore of the castle and parish of New Windsor the summe of five pounds, to be disposed of by the Deane and Canons of Windsor. Item, whereas I give unto foure poore women foure shillings weekly, to each twelve pence a peice, I nowe give unto three of them tenn shillings a peice, and to the fourth, vizt. to the widdow Pakins, I give the summe of twentie shillings. Item, I give unto the poore of the parish of St. Peter's Port, in the Island of Gernesey, the summe of tenn pounds, to be distributed amongst the poore by my nephew Mr. James Haveland, one of the jurates living on the place. Item, I give unto my good friend Doctor Butler,[a] Canon of Windsor, in acknowledgement of his kindnesse to mee and his care of mee in my sicknesse, the summe of tenn pounds to buy him mourning. Item, I give to my good friend and phisitian Dr. Beauvoir[b] the summe of tenn pounds to buy him mournings. Lastly, I give unto my sonn Charles de Vic (he having first faythfully discharged and payd all these my legacies) the

[a] John Butler, D.D. Canon of Windsor 1668-9, died 1682.

[b] Gabriel de Beauvoir, M.D. who was, like the testator, a native of Guernsey. See Munk's Roll of the College of Physicians, i. 274.

whole remaynder of my estate, both reall and personall, and I doe hereby constitute and appoint my said sonn Charles de Vic my heire and sole executor of my whole estate and goods whatsoever, hee discharging (I say) my legacies and all charges of my funerall, which I desire may be ordered according to the advice and directions of the overseers of this my last will and testament here following to be named and appointed by mee. I doe therefore hereby intreat and constitute my loveing friends Bruno Ryves, Dr. in Divinitie and Deane of Windsor, Dr. Thomas Browne, Canon of Windsor, Dr. Butler, Canon of Windsor, and James Smith, esq. of New Windsor, Counsillor at Lawe, overseers of this my last will and testament, to whose pietie and care I referr the proportioning of the charges of my funerall, intreating that they be so moderated that all defect or excesse may bee avoyded; and for the place of my interrment I desire it may be the chappell of Saint George, in the Castle of Windsor, but in what particular place in that chappell I shall leave it to the choice of my overseers, of whome I shall desire this last favour likewise, that they would be pleased to secure my goods, plate, lynnen, hangings, &c., and what else in my house, untill my sonn Charles shall returne out of Ireland, to whome I give them. And now having settled my temporall estate, I shall with lesse avocation addresse myselfe to prepare to meet my God and Saviour, in the duties of humiliation, repentance, and prayers, waiting thus untill my change shall come, Amen. Even soe come Lord Jesus; come quickly, Amen and Amen. I doe signe and publish this as my last will and testament, this day of one thousand six hundred sixtie nyne, in the presence of

Proved at Exeter House, in the Strand, before Sir Leoline Jenkins, Kt. LL.D., 15 Feby. 1671, by the oath of Sir Charles de Vic, Bart. the son and executor in the will named.

WILLIAM LILLY, 1674.

This "famous English astrologer" concluded a busy, curious, and by no means uninfluential, life at Hersham in October, 1681, at the age of 79. He was interred in the chancel of the church of Walton under a black marble stone placed over him by Elias Ashmole.

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Lilly, of Hersham, in the parish of Walton-upon-Thames, in the countie of Surry, student in astrology, being at the writing hereof of perfect memory, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. Rendring my soule into the hands of God, my body I leave to be buried at the discretion of Ruth Lilly my wife. My worldly estate I thus dispose it. I give and bequeath unto Ruth Lilly my wife, during her naturall life, all that parcell of ground called the Hurst Wood, containing by estimation eighteene acres, be it more or lesse, and all the profittes thereof. Item, I give and bequeath unto Ruth Lilly my wife during her naturall life the close called Conyers adjoyning to the Hurst Wood, and all the profitts thereof. Item, I give and bequeath unto my said wife during her naturall life all those six closes called Robert's Lane Closes, being by estimation fifteene acres, be they more or lesse, and all the profittes thereof. Item, I give unto my said wife during her naturall life the wood Leacroft and the corner Leacroft, and the three closes called Ilmores, lying all together, and contayning by estimation two and twenty acres, be they more or lesse, and all the profitts thereof; the reversion and reversions of all which said lands after the decease of Ruth Lilly my said wife I give and bequeath unto Carlton Whitlock, sonn of Sir Boulter (*sic*) Whitlock, Kt., and to his heires and assignes for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother Robert Lilly the sume of five pounds. Item, I give unto William Lilly his sonne the summe of twentie shillings. Item, I give unto my sister Susan Beufoy the sum of ten shillings. Item, I give and bequeath unto Ann Rogerson the daughter of

Henry Rogerson the sume of five pounds.* All which said legacies to be paid within one yeare next after my decease. Item, I desire of my wife that she will give unto Mary Wilson, at the day of her marriage, twenty pounds for a peece of plate. Item, I will unto every one of my six servants the sume of twenty shillings a peece. Item, I give unto the poore of the parish of Walton towne the sume of five pounds to be distributed at the day of my buriall by my good freind Thomas Best. Item, I give unto the poor of Hersham and Burwood the sume of five pounds to be distributed by Henry Rogerson and John Coles at the day of my buriall. Item, all the rest of my goods, cattells, chattells reall and personall, moveables and immoveables, plate, money, jewells, houshall stuff, library of bookes, or what soever is known to be mine, I give and bequeath unto Ruth Lilly my wife, whome I nominate my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revokeing and renounceing all former wills and testaments by me in any wise heretofore made or declared. In witness whereof hereunto I have subscribed my name and set my seale the fifth day of January in the six and twentith yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne lord King Charles the Second, one thousand six hundred seaventy and fower.

WILLIAM LILLY.

Sealed, declared, and delivered up by the said William Lilly, in the presence of these witnesses whose names are subscribed, Thomas Agar, Henry Rogerson.

20th Sept. 1681, administration to Carleton Whitlock, legatee named in the said will, Ruth Lilly the relict and executrix therein named having renounced.

* These lines are underscored, and it appears by the following memorandum that the testator paid the money before his death: "Ann Rogerson's legacy of 5*l*. by me William Lilly, 8 Jan. 167[illegible]. Richard Stevens, Thomas Deel, William South."

SIR PETER LELY, 1679.

Sir Peter Lely, born at Soest in Westphalia in 1617, came to England in 1641, and acquired a very large fortune by portrait-painting. He died suddenly, of apoplexy, in 1680, whilst painting the Duchess of Somerset.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Sir Peter Lely, of the parish of St. Paul's Covent Garden, Knight, this fourth day of February, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seaventy nyne, being in health and of sound memory (praised be God), doe make this my last will and testament, for the disposing of that estate wherewith God hath blessed me, in such manner as I desire it should be enjoyed after my decease:—I doe appoint and ordaine my loving freind the Honourable Roger North, of the Middle Temple, London, esquire, William Stokeham of the parish of St. Paul's Covent Garden, in the county of Middlesex, doctor in phisick, and Hugh May of Whitehall esquire,[a] to be my executors of this my will, in trust to distribute and dispose my estate according to the meaning thereof, but not to receive any benefitt thereby, saveing the legacies I therein shall bequeath unto them as a kind remembrance of their freindshipp, and in recompence of their care and trouble, which I desire them to bestow for the advantage of the severall legatees and the residuary legatories herein after mencioned. Whereas by Indenture of Release, bearing date the third day of February, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seaventy nyne, I have setled and assured my manor of Willingham, and all other my estate of inheritance in the countie of Lincoln, and alsoe diverse fee-farme rentes, upon my selfe for life, remainder to my sonne John

[a] Hugh May, esq. comptroller of the works to King Charles II. He died 24 Feb. 1683-4, and has a monument in Mid Lavant church, Sussex. At Audley End is a picture by Lely, representing himself and May together, with a bust of Grinling Gibbons, and Windsor Castle in the background. May's portrait was engraved from this picture by Harding, but erroneously attributed to his brother Baptist May. See Lord Braybrooke's Audley End, p. 106.

Lely for life,[a] with divers other remainders, lymitacions, and powers conteyned in the said deed, Now I doe hereby conferme the said deed in all points, in such manner as if the same were in this my last will recited at large, and the uses, lymitacions, and powers mencioned in the said deed were hereby devised and appointed. And whereas, by my said settlement, I have lymitted the remainder in fee-simple unto the Honourable Roger North esquire and Sir John Chicheley knight, and their heires, upon trust and confidence to performe such directions as in my last will should be conteyned, Now I doe hereby appoint and direct that, after my said estate shall happen in possession, that it be sold as soone as conveniently may be, and the profitt thereof arisinge from the decease of my sonne John and daughter Anne, without issue of their bodyes, untill sale, and the moneys arisinge by sale shall be paid unto my deare nephew Conradt Weck, or to such person or persons as he shall appoint, if he shall be alive when my said remainder shall happen in possession. And if he be then dead, and any his issue male shall be then in being, it shall be paid unto or by the appointment of such issue male of his body as by the lawes of England would be his heire male of his body, to take by descent from him, in case he and they and all intermediate persons had beene natives of the kingdome of England. And, for want of such issue, unto and for my deare sister Katherina Maria, widdow and relict of the deceased Conradt Weck, late burgomaster of Groll in Guelderland, and her children in manner hereafter expressed: (that is to say,) my will is that my said sister shall have the whole profitt, proceed, and interest thereof during her life, and after her decease the principall summe shall goe and [be] devided amongst her children that shall be liveing att the time of her death, and her grandchildren by such of her children that shall be then dead, which division I will have made by stocks and not by persons: (that is to say,) the children of any one, be the[y] never soe many, shall have amongst them but one such share as their pa-

[a] Sir Peter's grandson, John Lely, was a portrait-painter. See the Gentleman's Magazine for 1737, p. 151.

rent should have had if alive, and according to the method in a more remote degree, soe farr as there shall be occasion. And whereas I am seized and possessed of a certain lease for lives of the mannor and rectory of Greetwell, and diverse lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the county of Lincoln, holden of the church of Lincolne, I devise the same unto my executors afore mencioned, and their heires, upon this trust and confidence that the proffits therof shall goe and be to the same persons and in the same manner as I have setled my mannor of Willingham and the fee-farme rents afore mencioned; saving that so often as any of the said lives shall determine the rentes and proffit, or soe much thereof as shall be necessary, shall goe and be employed by my said trustees and their heires for renewing the said lease, to the intent it may be preserved. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne the summe of three thousand pounds, to be paid unto her att her age of eighteene yeares or day of marriage, which shall first happen; and if she shall depart this life before she attaine that age or be married, then I will that the said three thousand pounds shall go and be employed in the same manner as I have appointed the residue of my estate. And my will is that the said three thousand pounds shall be placed out att interest, where my executors shall thinke it most safe, at five or six per cent. as they can find convenient securities, untill such time as the same shall become payable. And that my said daughter shall be maintayned out of the proceed and interest thereof; and if there be any overplus it shall be added unto her porcion. I doe appoint that my executors shall within one yeare after my decease, or att any time after upon demaund, pay the sume of two thousand pounds unto my deare sister Katherina Maria afore mencioned, or unto such persons as she shall for that purpose appoint, order, or direct for the benefitt of her and her issue and her descendants, in manner following: (that is to say), she is either to put out the said sume att interest, or lay out the same upon houses or lands, and she to have the proceed and proffitt thereof during her life, and after her decease the same to goe and be devided amongst her children and grandchildren in such manner as I have before

appointed; the moneys ariseing by sale of my English estate to be devided after the death of my deare nephew without issue male; and my said nephew if alive, or his children if dead, are to come in and have their shares in the said division according to the method aforesaid. Item, my will is that all other my estate of inheritance which I shall have att the time of my death shall goe in the same manner as I have before by my deed and this my will setled the mannor of Willingham and fee-farme rentes aforesaid. All the rest and residue of my estate, reall and personall, whatsoever, haveing deducted all such legacies as by this my will or by any codicill I shall bequeath, shall be sold in manner as I shall by codicill give particuler directions.* And if I shall dye without giveing any directions, or if I shall give such directions as shall prove defective, then I will that my executors shall preserve such part as they shall thinke convenient for the use of my sonne, and the rest be sold; and the moneys ariseing by such sale be, soe soone as conveniently may be, laid out in purchase of lands or rents of a good estate in fee-simple, to be setled in the same manner as I have before devised my mannor of Willingham and my fee-farme rents above mencioned. I give to each of my executors one hundred pounds. I give to the poore of the parish of St. Paul's Covent Garden, where I have lived for many yeares, the sume of one hundred pounds, which sume I will have paid to the churchwardens, to be distributed to such poore of the said parish and in such proportion as the cheife minister of the said parish for the time being shall appoint. I give fifty pounds towards the building of the cathedral church of St. Paul's London, to be paid unto such hands as the Lord Archbishopp of Canterbury, Lord Bishop of London, and Lord Mayor of London for the time being, or any two of them, shall appoint for the purpose aforesaid. As for legacies to my particular freinds and to servants, I hope it will please God to afford me leisure and opportunity to declare my mind therein by a codicill, my intention herein being to provide

* The pictures and drawings left by Lely were so numerous that their sale by auction is said to have occupied forty days, and to have produced 26,000*l*. The "Remains" were sold in 1694. London Gazette, No. 3011.

for the succession of the cheife part of my estate. I devise the custody and education of my said sonne, untill he shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares, and of my said daughter untill her age of one and twenty yeares or marriage which shall first happen, unto my said executors, enjoyneing them, upon my blessing, to pursue the advice of my executors in their education, and espetially in their marriages if they shall marry under the age of one and twenty yeares. Item, my will is that when my said sonne John Lely shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares, then all powers hereby given to my executors shall wholly cease. And I constitute and appoint from thenceforth that my said sonne John Lely shall be my sole and whole executor of this my will; and if he shall dye under age or intestate, then and from thenceforth my said daughter shall be my executrix of this my will; and if she shall dye intestate, then I will that my executors shall resume their former power, and performe of this my will what remaines to be performed. I will that my body be privatly but decently buried att the discretion of my executors, soe that they bestow not above the summe of two hundred pounds for funerall expences, and one hundred pounds more for a monument.[a] PETER LELY.

Sir Peter Lely did signe, seale, publish, and declare this to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, Fra. North, Ga. de Sylvius,[b] Ro. North, Henry Skipwth.

Proved at London on the 28th day of Jan. 1680, before Sir Leoline Jenkins, Kt., by the oaths of the Honble. Roger North, W. Stokeham, M.D., and Hugh May, esq. executors named, &c.[c]

[a] In the churchwardens' accounts of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, is the following entry: "1680, Dec. 7: Received for the ground for the corps of Sr Peter Lilly, and use of the pall, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4." A monument was placed in the church, with a bust by Grinling Gibbons, and an epitaph by Flatman: destroyed by fire 17 Sept. 1795.

[b] Sir Gabriel de Silvius, who was knighted by Charles the Second 28 Jan. 1669-70; occurs in the memoirs of Grammont, Temple, and Dalrymple. He married 13 Nov. 1677, at St. Martin's in the Fields, Mrs. Anne Howard, sister to Craven Howard. He died in 1696, and his burial is in the same register.

[c] The account book of Sir Peter Lely's executors is preserved in the British Museum, Addit. MS. 16,174.

JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER, 1680.

The biography of John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester, is among the Lives of the Poets by Dr. Samuel Johnson. He died at the Ranger's lodge in Woodstock park on the 26th July 1680, in his 34th year, after the death-bed repentance made memorable by the relation of Bishop Burnet; and was buried in Spilsbury church, Oxfordshire.

I, JOHN EARLE OF ROCHESTER, make this my last will and testament in maner following. First, I ratifie and confirme to my wife and sonn Charles Lord Wilmot all and every the estate and estates of and in all and singular my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, heretofore at any time by mee settled upon them respectively, to have to them according to the limitations in the settlements thereof contained. I give, lymit, and appoint to my three daughters Ann, Elizabeth, and Mallet, the summe of twelve thousand pounds equally to be divided amongst them (that is to say): to my daughter Ann, when she shall have attained the age of eighteen, the summe of foure thousand pounds; to my daughter Elizabeth, when she shall have attained the age of sixteen, the summe of foure thousand pounds; and to my daughter Mallet, when shee shall have attained the like age of sixteen, the summe of foure thousand pounds, to be levied according to certaine trusts declared in and by one indenture bearing date the first of June in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventie and two, and made between mee and my said wife of the first part, and Sir William Windham knight and baronet, Sir Allen Apsley knight, Edward Cooke and William Clerke esquires, of the other part, as by the said indenture more fullie may appeare. Moreover for their present maintenance till they shall be actually married I bequeath and settle upon them the rent and revenue that shall arise from one chatell lease of the parsonage of Lydiard, equally to be divided amongst them; and, that they may not faile of a maintenance in case the lives by which the said lease is held should determine, I doe hereby as much as in mee lyes oblige my heires, executors, administrators, trustees, and assignes,

at the expence and charge of the whole estate to renew and put in the lives of Ann, Elizabeth, and Mallet successively, or, if any thing shall fall out whereby the performance of this may be hindered and impeded, I doe then desire and appoint the said administrators, executors, and trustees to pay threescore poundes a yeare to each of my said daughters till they shall be actually married. All my debtes upon bond and booke debts or otherwise whereunto I have subscribed my name I charge upon and desire may be payd out of my whole personal estate, and what shall be overplus I charge upon and desire may be payd out of the arreres of five thousand pounds more or less due to mee upon two severall grants or patents out of his Majesties Court of Exchequer. I give to Mrs. Patience Russell the summe of one hundred and fiftie pounds to be placed and charged upon the same arreres out of the Exchequer. I give to every servant I shall have at the time of my decease a yeares wages respectively, and to every one of them a mourning sute, to be payd out of my personall estate. I give to Edward Jacob and William Moore tenn pounds apeece in lieu of pretended arreres out of my personall estate. I give to my servant John Baptist Bell Dosse [a] all my cloathes, lynnen, and other things expressed in an inventarie in his keeping signed by my owne signe manual. And, for the better assurance of a happie correspondencie betweene my deare mother [b] and my deare wife,[c] I doe appoint to my mother and wife the gardianshipp of my sonn [d] till he attaine the age of one and twentie,

[a] A French valet. See his signature to the codicil hereafter.

[b] Anne, daughter of Sir John St.John, of Lydiard Tregose, co. Wilts Bart., married first to Sir Francis Henry Lee, of Ditchley, co. Oxford, Bart., secondly to Henry Lord Viscount Wilmot of Athlone, created Earl of Rochester in 1652, and who died in 1659.

[c] Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Mallet, esq. of Enmore, co. Somerset. Her three daughters, already mentioned, were married,—Anne, first to Henry Baynton of Wiltshire, esq. and secondly to Francis Greville, son of Fulke Lord Brooke; Elizabeth, to Edward Montague, third Earl of Sandwich (she died at Paris, July 2, 1757); and Mallet to the Viscount Lisburne.

[d] His only son Charles, third and last Earl of Rochester, died in his minority, Nov. 12, 1681 (Collectanea Topogr. et Geneal. ii. 337,) and was buried at Spilsbury on the 7th Dec.

soe long as my wife shall remaine unmarried and friendlily live with my mother; always proided, that if my wife shall marrie or wilfully seperate herselfe from my mother, that then this her gardianshipp shall determine. And in case of my mother's decease before the tyme lymited, I doe then appoint my verie good uncle Sir Walter St.John to be his gardian. I doe bequeath to an infant child by the name of Elizabeth Clerke fourtie pounds annuitie, to commence from the day of my decease, and to contynue during her life; to the payment of which I binde the mannour of Sutton-Mallet. I constitute and appoint to be executors to this my last will my mother and my wife, my good uncle Sir Walter St.John, the said Sir Allen Apsley, and Sir Richard How of Wishford in the countie of Wilts, and John Cary of Woodstocke esquire. I doe appoint that my funerall be discharged first of all out of my personall estate.

ROCHESTER.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence of William Fanshawe, Thomas Witherley, Robert Parsons, John Dyke, Robart Jacob.

The will within written of the right Honble the Earle of Rochester was opened and read the twentie-seventh of July, one thousand six hundred eightie, in the presence of the right Honble Ann Countess-Dowager of Rochester, Elizabeth Countess of Rochester, and of John Cary, in the presence of Fra. Warre, Isabella Wheate, Martha Gey.

This Codicill I desire to be annexed to my will, and to be part thereof. Whereas I have in my said will given the severall summes of foure thousand pounds a peece to each of my three daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, and Mallet, to be payd to them at their respective ages and times in my said will mentioned; my will farther is, that if any or either of my said daughters or all of them shall happen to dye before they, or any or either of them, shall attaine their severall and

respective ages in my will mentioned, that then the portion of such daughter, all or any of them, soe dying, shall not be due or payd to my executor, nor to the administrators of them, or any or either of them, but shall remaine and be to my sonn Charles Wilmot. And my will farther is, that Mr. Rob[t] Parsons, clerke,[a] have the next presentation to my parsonage of Charlench, after the decease, forfeiture, or surrender of Mr. Bourne now incumbent there, and I doe hereby give him the same. Dated, June the two and twentieth, one thousand six hundred eightie. ROCHESTER.

I doe declare and publish this Codicill to be a part of my will, and desire it to be annexed thereto. Witness to the publishing, sealing, and deliverie thereof, Tho. Witherly, John Cary, Robart Jacob, B. de Belle-fasse, Thomas Smith.

This Codicill was opened and read the twentie-seventh day of July, one thousand six hundred eightie, in the presence of the Right Honorable Ann Countess-Dowager of Rochester and Elizabeth Countess of Rochester, and of John Cary, in the presence of Fra. Warre, Isabella Wheate, Martha Gey.

Proved at London with codicil annexed before Wm. Trumbull, LL.D. Surrogate, &c. 23d of February, 1680, by the oath of John Cary, esq. one of the executors in the will named.

[a] The Sermon, on Luke xv. 7, preached at the Funeral of John Earl of Rochester, by Robert Parsons, M.A. of University college, Oxford, and Rector of Addington, Glouc. was printed in 4to. Oxford, 1680, and reprinted in 1728 and 1735 in 8vo. Charlinch is in Somersetshire, and the Bournes were lords of the manor from temp. Jac. I. to 1738.

PRINCE RUPERT, 1682.

Rupert the third son of Elizabeth Princess of England by Frederick titular King of Bohemia, was born at Prague in 1619, elected Knight of the Garter 1642, and created Duke of Cumberland 1643. Returning to England shortly after the Restoration, he was sworn a Privy Councillor in 1662, and afterwards resided chiefly in this country, to which he rendered good service on the sea, and as a promoter of science and of the arts. He died at his house in Spring Gardens Nov. 29, 1682, and was buried in Henry the Seventh's Chapel.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Rupert, Prince Palatine of the Rhine, Duke of Bavaria and Cumberland, and Constable and Keeper of the Honor and Castle of Windsor, &c., knowing the certainty of death, but the uncertainty of the time, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, revokeing all former wills and codicills to wills at any time or times heretofore by me made. I doe humbly resigne my soule into the hands of the holy blessed and undivided Trinitie, beseeching Almighty God for his owne mercies and Christ Jesus' infinite meritt's sake, to remitt my sinnes and receive my spiritt into everlasting blisse. I desire my bodie (in expectation of an happy resurrection) may be interred where his Majesty shall be pleased to appoynte; and, as touching that worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me, I give and dispose the same as followeth: Inprimis, I give and bequeath unto Dudley Bart, my naturall sonn,[a] all that my mesuage or tenement, with th'appurtenances thereto belonging, scituate and being at Raynen, in the province of Utrick, under the States of Holland, and alsoe all those severall debtes and summes

[a] His mother was the Hon. Anne Bard, daughter of Sir Henry Bard, created Viscount Bellamont in the peerage of Ireland 1646, and who died whilst ambassador in Persia 1660. (See a pedigree of that family in the Collectanea Topog. et Genealogica, vol. iv. p. 60.) Dudley Bard was killed at the siege of Buda, on the 13th July, 1686, in the twentieth year of his age. His name of Dudley was derived from the family of Lord Bellamont's mother, Susan, daughter of John Dudley, wife of the Rev. George Bard, vicar of Staines, co. Middlesex.

of money whatsoever which are anie wayes due or oweing unto mee by the Emperor of Germany and my nephew the Prince Elector Palatine, or either of them, or by any other person or persons whatsoever not naturall borne subjects of the King of England. Item, I give and bequeath unto and amongst my meniall servants whoe shall be in my service at the time of my decease all such debts and summes of money as shall be then due and oweing unto mee by the Kinges Majestie, the same to be divided and distributed amongst them at the discretion of my executors and Mrs. Margaret Hewes, here after named, in such proportions as they shall thinke fitt and meete with respect to theire severall qualities and sallaries and time they have served mee. All the rest of my goods, chattells, jewells, plate, furniture, houshold stuffe, pictures, armes, coaches, horses, stock in companies interested, or shares in patents to my selfe or in copartnershipp with others, and all other my estate, rights, properties, and interests whatsoever not hereby before bequeathed, (my just debts being paid and satisfyed,) I doe hereby give and bequeath unto William Earle of Craven,[a] in trust neverthelesse to and for the use and behoofe of the said Margarett Hewes[b] and of Ruperta[c] my naturall daughter begotten on the bodie of the said Margarett Hewes, in equall moyeties; the same or soe much thereof as to the said Earle of Craven shall seeme convenient to be sold and turned

[a] Who is supposed to have been privately married to the Queen of Bohemia, the Prince's mother. She died at the Earl of Craven's house in 1661.

[b] A singer and actress of some eminence, whose burial is thus recorded in the register of Lee in Kent: "Mrs. Margaret Hewes, from Eltham, buried Oct. 15, 1719." (See a letter of her granddaughter Sophia Howe, dated the first of the same month, in the Suffolk Letters, edit. Croker, i. 40.) Her portrait was painted by Sir Peter Lely in 1677; and there are several engravings of it: see Granger's Biographical History of England, (edit. 1824,) vol. v. p. 397. The original, formerly at Osterley, is now at Middleton, the seat of the Earl of Jersey in Oxfordshire.

[c] Ruperta, born in 1671, was married to Emmanuel Scroope Howe, esq. Brigadier-General in the reign of Anne, and envoy-extraordinary to the house of Brunswick Lunenburg: brother to Scroope Lord Viscount Howe. See the Collection of Original Royal Letters, edited in 1787 by Sir George Bromley, Bart. in octavo: which contains the portrait of General Howe by Lely, as well as that of his wife.

into money, and att the discretion of the said Earle of Craven either putt out att interest for theire severall uses in moyeties as aforesaid, or otherwise to be layd out in purchasing of lands and tenements for the use and benefitt of them the said Margarett Hewes and Ruperta my said daughter, and theire heires, in moyeties as aforesaid; and I doe hereby desire, charge, and command my said daughter upon my blessing to be dutiful and obedient to her mother, and not to dispose of her selfe in marriage without her consent and the advice of the said Earle of Craven, if they or either of them shall be then liveing. And lastly, I doe hereby nominate and appoynt the said William Earle of Craven executor of this my last will and testament, and doe humbly beseech his Majestie that he will be graciously pleased to give his assistance and direction in what may be necessary for the performance thereof as there may be occation. In witnesse whereof I have to this my will, conteyned in two sheetes of paper, putt my hand and seale this seaven and twentieth day of November, in the fower and thirtieth yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini 1682. RUPERT.

Signed, sealed, and published in the presence of E. Andros, Will. Dutton Colt, Fra. Hawley, Ro. Wroth, George Kirke, David Piker, Ra. Marshall.

Proved at London, before Sir Richd. Lloyd, Kt. Doctor of Laws, and Sir Leoline Jenkins, Kt. &c. &c., on the 1st day of Decr. 1682, by the oath of Wm. Earl of Craven, the executor.[a]

[a] At Combe Abbey is "A Book of Accounts of what is received and paid by the Right Honourable the Earl of Craven as Executor of His Highness Prince Rupert deceased." (See Warburton's Prince Rupert, vol. iii. p. 558.) At the end of the account is a release to Lord Craven, signed by Mrs. Hughes and Ruperta. One item is:—Of Mrs. Ellen Gwynne for the Great Pearl Necklace, 4,520*l.*

THE EARL OF ROSCOMMON, 1684-5.

Wentworth Dillon, Earl of Roscommon, was born about the year 1634, and named after his maternal uncle the great Earl of Strafford. His biography will be found in Johnson's Lives of the Poets.

In the name of God, Amen. The fourteenth day of January, 1684-5. I, the Right Honorable Wentworth Earle of Roscommon in Ireland, although sick of body, yett of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Allmighty God, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner following: That is to say, First, I bequeathe my soule and spirite into the hands of Allmighty God my heavenly Father, by whom, of his meere and only grace, I trust to be saved, and received into eternall rest, through the death of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ; my wretched body, in hopes of a joyfull resurrection, I commit to the earth. And touching the distribution of all and every my worldly goods and possessions of what kind and nature soever, I will and bequeath all my personall estate unto my moste deare and beloved wife,[a] subject neverthelesse to the payment of all such just debts as at the time of my death shall be owing of me; and as touching the disposicion of my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, I give, grant, and devise, and bequeath them likewise to my said wife and her heires for ever if I dye without issue of my owne body; my intention further being, that if my personall estate be not sufficient to pay all my just debts, that the residue shall be paid out of my said lands and tenements. Item, I ordaine and make my said dearly beloved wife my sole and only executrix of this my last will and testament, and I doe hereby utterly revoke and make void all former wills and testaments by me in any wise made, perfected or declared. In witnesse whereof I have

[a] Dr. Johnson describes the wife of Lord Roscommon as the Lady Frances, daughter of the Earl of Burlington, and widow of Colonel Courteney.

hereunto sett my hand and seale the said fourteenth day of January, 1684-5. ROSCOMON.

Signed, sealed, and published in the presense of H. Finch, Knightly Chetwood,[a] Johanna Chaplin, Theodorus Barnevelt, Ad. Colclough.

Proved at London before Master William Trumbull, Doctor of Laws, on the last day of January, 1684, by the oath of Isabella Countess-Dowager of Roscommon, relict of the deceased.

Confirmed by a *Sententia*, 15 Aug. 1701.

[a] Knightley Chetwood made collections for Roscommon's life, which are preserved at Cambridge in vol. xxxvi. of Baker's MSS.

DANIEL BREVINT, D.D. 1685.

Dr. Brevint, who was born in the Isle of Jersey, died at Lincoln on the 5th May, 1695, and was buried in the Cathedral. A stone, with the inscription directed in the will, marks the place of his interment.

In the name of God, Amen, the twenty-sixth day of July, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and seaven, I, Daniel Brevint, Doctor of Divinity, Dean of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, being mindfull of my own frailty and mortality, doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing as followeth: First, in all humility, I comend my soul into the hands of God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, in whose faith as I have hitherto lived so I hope to dye, and my body to be decently buried, with this inscription upon my tombe, "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. Gen. 49, 18." My funerall rites being finished, I give and bequeath thirty pounds to the poore where I live; and I give and bequeath to those servants of mine which after my decease shall not continue in my family to each of them one whole yeares wages over and above the wages due to them. And I give and bequeath my library, and all the furniture thereof (my French and English books excepted), to my much respected son-in-law Sir Edward Hussey, Baronet;[a] and to his wife, my most dearely beloved daughter Charlotte, I give and bequeath one hundred pounds, as a testimony of my love to her. And I give and bequeath to my most deare wife Anne, and her heires, all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever mortgaged to me or any other person or

[a] Sir Edward Hussey, the third Baronet, of Honington, co. Lincoln, married for his first wife Charlotte, only child of Dr. Brevint, and had issue two daughters, Charlotte and Sarah; the former of whom was married to Thomas Pochin, esq. of Barkby, co. Leicester; and by the marriage of their daughter Charlotte Pochin to Charles James Packe, esq. of Prestwold hall in the same county, the estates of the Hussey family, which became extinct in 1734, were eventually conveyed to the Packes.

persons to my use, or in trust for me, and all my estate and estates therein, whether in law or equity. And all the rest of my goods and chattells and personall estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my said wife, whom I constitute and appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And to her care and best affection I comitt and comend my said most dear daughter. The God of mercy and goodness bless the mother and the daughter, with her sweet children, keep them in thy name, and in thy good time bring them to thine everlasting kingdom! Dated at Durham, the day and yeare first above written, DAN. BREVINT. Signed, sealed, published, and declared to be the last will and testament of th' above named Daniel Brevint, in the presence of the persons whose names are under written, and by them subscribed in the presence of the said testator. W. DAWSON, JOHN BOWES, ROBERT WOODMAS THEOFSTON.

Proved at London, before Sir Richard Raines, Knight, LL.D. on the 17th day of May, 1695, by the oath of Ann Brevint, the executrix therein named.

ISAAC VOSSIUS, 1688.

Isaac Vossius, the son of Gerard John Vossius, was born at Leyden in 1618, and came to England in 1670, when he was welcomed, as Anthony à Wood relates, "with great humanity and friendship at Oxford, and created Doctor of Laws." He was preferred to a canonry at Windsor in 1673, and died there in 1688. His library mentioned in this will was esteemed the best that then existed in any private hands: it was purchased by the university of Leyden.

I, Isacc Vossius, Prebend of Windsor, in the county of Berks, Doctor in Divinity, after my debts paid and my funerall expences discharged, I give and bequeath unto my loveing nephew Gerard John Vossius, and to my loveing neice Attia Vossius, all my library of bookes and all other my goods, chattels, and estate whatsoever that God hath been pleased to bestow upon me, to be equally divided betweene them share and share alike. And my will and desire is that my said nephew and neice doe still from time to time apply themselves to the Lord Ambassador from Holland, or the Dutch Ambassador Arnold Van Citters, in the sale and making the best of my said goods and estate, and in the division as aforesaid, and to take and follow his lordshipp's advice and directions therein. In witnesse hereof I have published and declared, as I doe by these presents, this to be my last will and testament, and therefore I have put my hande and seale hereunto in the presence of the hereunder written witnesses, this eight day of February, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty eight stilo Anglicæ.

Isaac Vossius.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, published, and declared by the said Doctor Isaac Vossius, in the presence of us witnesses, Had. Beverlant, Robert Scott, Paul Colomiez; Phillip Delgols, Notary Public, 1688-9.

On the 2nd day of March, 1688 *(stilo Angliæ)*, a commission issued to Attia Vossius, spinster, niece (by the brother) of deceased, to administer, &c. &c.

RICHARD BAXTER, 1689.

Baxter availed himself of the respite which he enjoyed from persecution on the accession of William and Mary to make a final settlement of his worldly affairs. His lands at Eaton Constantine were probably inherited from his father, who held property in that place. All persons familiar with his biography will be glad to meet in his will with the names of persons who were connected with many passages in his life, especially with that of his never-failing friend Sir Henry Ashurst, who stood by him so nobly on his trial before Jefferies in 1685. His charitable bequests, and the mention of his books, will not pass unnoticed. Baxter entered on that which was the subject of one of his most popular works, the Saint's Everlasting Rest, on the 8th December, 1691.

I, RICHARD BAXTER, of London, Clerk, an unworthy servant of Jesus Christ, drawing to the end of this transitory life, haveing through God's great mercy the free use of my understanding, doe make this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills formerly made by me. My spirit I commit with trust and hope of the heavenly felicity into the hands of Jesus my glorified Redeemer and intercessor, and by his mediation into the hands of God my reconciled Father, the infinite eternall spirit, life, light, and love, most great and wise and good, the God of nature, grace, and glory; of whom and through whom and to whom are all things, my absolute owner, ruler, and benefactor, whose I am and whom I (though imperfectly) serve, seeke, and trust, to whom be glory for ever, Amen. To him I render most humble thanks that he hath filled up my life with mercy, and pardoned my sin by the merits of Christ, and vouchsafed by his Spirit to renew me and seale me as his own, and to moderate and bless to me my long sufferings in the flesh, and at last to sweeten them by his owne interest and comforting approbation, who taketh the cause of love and concord as his own. And my worldly estate I devise, will, and bequeath as followeth. Imprimis, I give and devise unto my cosin William Baxter all my messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with their appurtenances, scituate and being in Eaton Constantine, in the county of

Salop, for and dureing the terme of his naturall life; and after his death I give the same to such person and persons as the said William Baxter hath or shall take to wife for and dureing the life or lives of such person or persons; and after the decease of such wife or wives I give and devise the same to the first sonn of the body of the said William Baxter by him lawfully begotten or to be begotten and to the heires males of the body of such first son lawfully to be begotten; and for default of such issue I give and bequeath the same to the second, third, fourth, fifth, and every other sonn of the body of the said William Baxter lawfully begotten or to be begotten, severally and successively as they shall be in time and priority of birth, the eldest son to be always preferred before the younger, and to the heirs males of the body of such second, third, fourth, fifth, and every other sonn severally and successively as they shall be in priority of birth as aforesaid; and for default of such issue I give and devise the same to Benjamin Baxter, brother of the said William Baxter, for and during the terme of his natural life; and after his decease I give and devise the same to the first sonne of the body of the said Benjamin Baxter, by him lawfully begotten or to be begotten and to the heires males of the body of such first son lawfully to be begotten; and for default of such issue I give and devise the same to the second, third, fourth, fifth, and every other son of the body of the said Benjamine Baxter lawfully begotten or to be begotten severally and successively as they shall be in time and priority of birth, the eldest son to be alwayes preferred before the younger, and to the heires males of the body of such second, third, fourth, fifth, and every other sonn as they shall happen in priority of birth as aforesaid; and for default of such issue I give the same to my owne right heires for ever. Item, whereas the late right Hon'ble Gilbert Earl of Clare did in and by one Indenture, dated the nineth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty-six, demise and grant unto me all that the mannor of Parva Markham, or Little Markham, als West Markham cum Milneton, with the appurtenances, in the

county of Notingham, and divers mills, farmes, houses, lands, tenements and hereditaments, lyeing in the parish, townes, feilds, precincts, or territoryes of Parva Markham, als West Markham, Milnton, and Bevercotes, in the said county of Notingham, in the said Indenture mencioned, for ninety-nine yeares; and whereas I have by Indenture, dated the eleaventh day of March, Anno dñi one thousand six hundred eighty-six, bargained and sold all the said mannor, lands, and premisses unto the said Earle for eighty-eight yeares and eleaven moneths from Lady Day then next, at and under the yearely rent of fourscore pounds for the first nineteene years of the said terme and a pepper-corne for the remainder of the terme; and whereas I delivered up unto Sir Robert Vyner, late of London, Knight and Baronet, now deceased, in his life time, all my securites for and did discharge him of eight hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, which he owed me and was content to accept of an assignem^{t} of a proportionable part of his rent or yearely sume of twenty-five thousand and three pounds nine shillings and foure pence, granted unto him, his heires and assignes by his late Majesty King Charles the Second and payable out of the hereditary revenue of Excise by virtue of his said late Majesties letters patents dated the thirtieth of Aprill one thousand six hundred seaventy seaven; and whereas the said Sir Robert Vyner in consideracon thereof, by his deed of assignement beareing date the fourteenth day of July one thousand six hundred seaventy-nine did grant and assigne unto me the said Richard Baxter and my heires and assignes for ever the sume of fifty pounds yearely, being my proportionable part of the said yearely sume of twenty-five thousand and three pounds nine shillings and foure pence, in satisfaction for my said debt, to commence from the four and twentieth day of June one thousand six hundred seaventy-nine; and whereas I the said Richard Baxter did afterwards assigne and set over unto Thomas Bampfeild, Esq., Joseph Baker, Robert Bird, John Tisser, and Thomas Hunt, gent. their heires and assignes for ever the said yearely sume of fifty pounds, which said last

mentioned assignement was soe made, In trust nevertheless for me the said Richard Baxter, and the said Thomas Bampfeild, Joseph Baker, Robert Bird, John Tisser, and Thomas Hunt, or the survivor of them, their heirs or assignes were to convey and dispose thereof as I should by my last will or otherwise order, direct, or appoint, and not otherwise; and whereas I have lately deposited and at present there remaines of my money in the hands of Mr. Thomas Hunt, merchant, four hundred pounds, and in the hands of Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart. two hundred pounds, and in the hands of William Jolliffe, Esq. two hundred poundes, and in the hands of Thomas French, merchant, two hundred pounds: Now my will and desire is that the said severall summes of mony amounting together to one thousand pounds or other sume of one thousand pounds, in whose hands soever the same shall be at the time of my decease, shall be laid out and disposed in the purchase of an annuity or rent-charge for ten or more yeares or of a lease or houses. And I doe hereby give and devise all my estate, terme and interest of and in the said mannor, lands, tenements and hereditaments with appurtenances so as aforesayd demised and granted to me by the said late Earle of Clare and the said yearely rent of eighty pounds due and payable for the said terme out of the same; and likewise the said yearely rent of fifty pounds so as aforesaid granted and assigned to me by the said Sir Robert Vyner, and all my estate and interest, both in law and equity, of, in, and to the same, and also the said summe of one thousand pounds, and all such annuity, rent, lease, or other estate of, in, or out of any houses, lands, or tenements as shall happen to be had, bought, or purchased by or with the same; as also all the copies and right of reprinting and the benefitt, profit, and advantage that shall or may be had and obtained by the reprinting of all or any Books by me formerly writt, set forth, composed, and printed; unto my loveing freinds Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart., Rowland Hunt of Boratton, Esq., Thomas Hunt, merchant, Edward Harley, Esq., Thomas Cooks, merchant, Thomas Trench, merchant, and Robert Bird, gent., their heires, executors, administrators and

assignes, upon and under and to and for the uses, trusts, intents, and purposes hereafter mencioned, that is to say, upon trust and confidence, that they my said trustees and the survivors and survivor of them, or the greater number of them, their executors, administrators, or assignes, doe and shall for and dureing so many yeares as they shall have and receive the said annuity or rent of eighty pounds out of the said estate of the said late Earle of Clare, pay or cause to be paid unto Mrs. Ruth Bushell, dureing soe many yeares thereof as she shall live, and after her death to some other pious widow, to be chosen by my said trustees for the residue of the said terme, tenn pounds a yeare every Michaelmas day, which mony my will and mind is that the said Ruth Bushell and such other widow as aforesaid doe and shall dispose and expend in buying of flannen to make winter wascoats, which wascoats soe made I will she and they doe and shall from time to time give and bestow to and upon such poor people inhabiting in and aboute London as she shall choose; and upon the further trust and confidence that the said Rowland Hunt, Thomas Hunt, and Edward Harley, and the survivors of them, their executors, administrators, and assigns, shall have, take, and receive out of the said yearely rents and profitts the summe of twenty pounds yearely for and dureing all the said terme upon every Michaelmas day in every yeare, and doe and shall give and dispose thereof to such of my poor kindred and in such proportions as they or any of them shall judge meet; and upon this further trust and confidence that my said trustees or the survivors or survivor of them, their executors, administrators, or assignes, or the major part of them, doe and shall pay and dispose of all or soe much as they shall thinke fit of the rest and residue of the said rents, monys, and profits in the reprinting of such Books which I have written or whereof I am the author, as they or the major part of them, their executors or administrators, shall judge meet and usefull to be printed, and in binding the same; which books so printed and bound I will shall be from time to time freely given and disposed to such people as my said trustees, or the major part of them or the

survivors of them, their executors or administrators, shall judge meet. And if any part of my said estate so as aforesaid given to my said trustees shall remaine undisposed of after all the said uses and trusts shall be performed, I will that my said trustees shall dispose thereof for or towards the maintenance and educacion of such poor schollers and to amongst such of my poor kindred as they or the survivors of them, or the major part of them, shall judge meet; and my will is that my said trustees, or the survivors of them, their executors or assignes, doe and shall sell and dispose of the said annuity or rent of fifty pounds so granted to me by the said Sir Robert Vyner as aforesaid, when and so soone after my death as they shall thinke fitt, and lay out and dispose the money thereby obtained to the uses aforesaid. Item, whereas I have lately lent to his present Majesty one hundred pounds, I give and devise twenty pounds thereof to Mr. Matthew Silvester, and tenn pounds more thereof to Mrs. Ruth Bushell, and five pounds more thereof to Mary Cole my servant, and the remainder of the said one hundred pounds I will that my executors pay in discharge of all such debts as I shall owe at my decease, if any, and in my funerall charges and expences. Item, I give all my manuscripts not printed before my death unto the said Mathew Silvester, but desire both him, his executors and administrators, to print none of them but such as Mr. Lorrimer, Mr. Doelittle, Mr. Morris, or Mr. Williams shall first judge fitt and meet to be printed, and with their or some of their allowance and approbation, but the said Mr. Silvester is to have the sole benefitt and profitt thereof. Item, I give all my library to and amongst such young students as the said Mr. Silvester and Mr. Morrice shall nominate. Item, I give and bequeath all that my messuage or tenement scituate on Bread streete hill, which I hold of the worshipfull Company of Ironmongers, London, unto Margarett Norman, neece to my late wife, for and dureing all such estate and terme as I have therein; also, I give and bequeath unto the said Margaret Norman the summe of one hundred pounds due and oweing to me from the said Sir Robert Vyner by bond, now in Mr. Carey's hands, and all the

interest thereof, and all the benefitt and advantage of the said bond; also, I give and bequeath unto the said Margaret Norman all my household goods. And I do hereby make, constitute, and ordaine the said Sir Henry Ashurst, Rowland Hunt, Thomas Hunt, Edward Harley, Thomas Cooke, Thomas Trench, and Robert Bird, executors of this my last will and testament, and doe hereby revoke all former wills by me heretofore made. And lastly, my will is, and I doe hereby declare the same to be, that if my said kinsman William Baxter, after he shall have notice of this my will, shall goe aboute or designe to frustrate or make void this my will or any gift or devise herein mentioned, and shall doe any act or thing tending thereunto, that then and from and immediately after the doeing of such act or thing, the said devise of the said lands and tenements so as aforesaid made to the said William Baxter, or to such person or persons as he hath or shall marry, and to his sonns, shall cease, determine, and be void; and in such case I doe give and bequeath all the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments imediatly after such act unto my said cousin Benjamin Baxter for and dureing the terme of his naturall life, and after his decease unto the first and every other son of the body of the said Benjamin Baxter lawfully begotten or to be begotten successively as they shall happen in yeares and priority of birth as aforesaid. In witness whereof, I have to this my last will and testament, contained in eight sheets of paper, to every sheet thereof set my hand, and to the last of them, as also to the labell wherewith the said sheets are fixed together, set my seale, this twenty-seaventh day of July, anno domini one thousand six hundred eighty-nine, and in the first yeare of the reigne of our sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King and Queene, defenders of the faith, etc. RICHARD BAXTER.

Sealed and published as his last will and testament by Mr. Richard Baxter, in the presence of us, MARK STRATTON, NATHANIEL SCARLETT, JOHN LYDE.

WHEREAS in and by the last will and testament of me Richard Baxter there is this bequest: "Item, I give and bequeath all that my messuage or tenement situate on Bread street hill which I hold of the worshipfull Company of Ironmongers, London, unto Margaret Norman, neece to my late wife, for and dureing all such estate and terme as I have therein;" and whereas the lease of the said messuage was taken from the said Company in the name (by and with the consent) of Richard Hampden, Esq. now Chancellor of the Exchequer, under the yearely rent of six pounds, but in trust for me, Now my will is that the said Mr. Richard Hampden, his heirs, executors, or administrators shall not be in any way dampnified, for that his name is put into the said lease in trust as aforesaid, upon any occasion or account whatsoever; and in regard the said Company refuse to take a surrender of the said lease, and grant a new lease to any other person, I doe therefore declare my will to be that my executors doe and shall at all times after my decease defend and save harmless and indempnified the said Richard Hampden, his heires, executors, and administrators, of and from all damages and costs which he or they may sustaine or be put to for or by reason of any of any covenants or agreements mencioned or contained in the said lease; and I desire this may be accepted and taken as a codicell to my said will. Witnesse my hand and seale this fourteenth of March, one thousand six hundred ninety, by me RICHARD BAXTER. Signed, sealed, and published in the presence and sight of us, TIMO. PAKEMAN. HANNAH FOX. RUTH BUSHELL.

Proved with codicil annexed at London before George Bramston, Doctor of Laws, and Sir Richard Raines, &c. &c. on the 23d Dec. 1691, by the oath of Sir Henry Ashurst, Bart. Thomas Hunt, Edward Harley, Thomas Cooke, Thomas Trench, and Robert Bird, six of the executors in the said will named, &c. &c.

HENRY PURCELL, 1695.

Purcell was the son of "Mr. Henry Purcell, one of the Gent. of the K's Chappell, M^r. of the Children of this Church," whose burial is recorded in the register of Westminster Abbey, Aug. 13, 1664. See this and other entries relative to the family in the Collectanea Topog. et Genealogica, vol. vii. p. 244, vol. viii. pp. 17, 20. Purcell was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey at the age of eighteen, and has a monument in that edifice, with a brief epitaph by Dryden, stating that he departed "to that place where only his harmony can be exceeded," on the 21st Nov. 1697, at the early age of thirty-seven.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Henry Purcell, of the citty of Westminster, gent. being dangerously ill as to the constitucion of my body, but in good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God), doe by these presents publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, and I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my loveing wife Frances Purcell all my estate both reall and personall, of what nature and kind soever, to her and to her assignes for ever; and I doe hereby constitute and appoint my said loveing wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, revokeing all former will or wills. Witnesse my hand and seale this twentieth-first day of November, annoque Domini one thousand six hundred ninety-five, and in the seventh yeare of the reigne of King William the Third, &c. H. Purcell.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Henry Purcell in the presence of Wm. Eeles, John Chapelin, B. Peters.

Proved at London before Wm. Oldys, LL.D. 7th Dec. 1695, by the oath of Frances Purcell the relict.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

1596, March 16, SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON, Knight. To Lady Elizabeth Hatton, the relict of, and executrix named in the last will of, Sir William Hatton, Knt. deceased, while he lived the administrator to the goods of the late Sir Christopher Hatton, Knight, deceased. "First administration granted in the month of May, 1595."

1604, Nov. 26, RICHARD EEDES, D.D. Dean of the Cathedral church of Worcester. To Margaret Eedes the relict of the deceased.

164$\frac{2}{3}$, Feb. 10, SIR WILLIAM MONSON, late of St. Martin's in the Fields, co. Midd. Commission of administration to Viscount Castlemaine, son of the deceased.

164$\frac{4}{5}$, Feb. 4, FRANCIS QUARLES, late of Ridley Hall in com. Essex. To Ursula Quarles, relict of the deceased. On the margin of this administration is written the word "pauper."

1649, May 25, ISAAC DORISLAUS, Doctor of Laws, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Admiralty of England, died in parts beyond the sea. To Isaac Dorislaus, the son of the deceased.

1667, Nov. 23, EDWARD SOMERSET, MARQUESS OF WORCESTER. To John Blakman of Skenfreth, co. Monmouth, gent., to fulfil the conditions of an indenture tripartite, dated 12 Jan. 5 Charles I., between Thomas Bodenham, son and heir of Thomas Bodenham, of the first part; John Draycot, of Painsly, co. Stafford, esquire, and Anne his daughter, of the second part; and the said Marquess, then Edward Lord Herbert, son and heir of Henry Earl of Worcester, Sir Richard Newport, of Higharkall, co. Salop, knt.,

EDWARD SOMERSET, MARQUESS OF WORCESTER—*continued.*

Thomas Morgan, of Tredegar, co. Monmouth, esq., Mathew Cradocke, of Carrywell, co. Stafford, esq., and George Walker, of Weston, co. Staff., gent., of the third part; whereby were demised for twenty-one years after the death of Thomas Bodenham and Mary his wife to the said Marquess and Mathew Cradocke, and their executors, &c., in trust for Ellinor Bodenham and Blanch Bodenham (now wife of Edmund Hawley), and the other younger children of Thomas and Mary, certain manors called Yarkehill, Longuardine, Much Taddington alias Tattington alias Tarrington, and Sollarshope, and the advowson of the church of Sollarshope. Thomas Bodenham and Mary his wife, as well as Mathew Cradocke and the said Marquess of Worcester, were all deceased, the Marquess having been the last survivor. The said Ellinor Bodenham also had died, leaving the said Blanch, Bridget (Bodenham) wife of Walter James, and Thomas Bodenham junior, the surviving children of the said Thomas and Mary. According to a note in the margin, administration of the residue of the goods of the Marquess was granted in Jan. 1670, and administration of the lease and advowson only, unadministered to, was granted in Oct. 1681.

1668, May 6, SIR WM. DAVENANT, Knight, late of the parish of St. Clement's Danes, Middlesex. To John Alway, principal creditor, the Lady Mary Davenant his widow having first renounced.

1669, Oct. 19, QUEEN HENRIETTA-MARIA, mother of King Charles II. Mandate from Archbishop of Canterbury under this date (by virtue of letters of Privy Seal, dated Oct. 14, 1669), granting commission of ad-

QUEEN HENRIETTA-MARIA—*continued.*

ministration to Sir George Downing, Kt. and Bart. and Sir Wm. Doyley, Kt. and Bart.

1677, Nov. 2, HENRY OLDENBOURG, late of St. Martin's in the Fields, co. Midd. Commission of administration granted to Margaret Lowdon, the lawfully assigned "curatrix" to Rupert Oldenbourg and Sophia Oldenbourgh, the children of the deceased, during their minority.

1679, Mar. 19, ANDREW MARVELL, esquire, late of the parish of St. Giles in the Fields, co. Middlesex. To Mary Marvell the relict, and John Greene a creditor.

1700, June 10, JOHN DRYDEN, esquire, late of the parish of St Ann's Westminster, in com. Middlesex. To Charles Driden his son, Elizabeth the widow of deceased having first renounced. In the margin, *administratio de bonis non*, May 1713.

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